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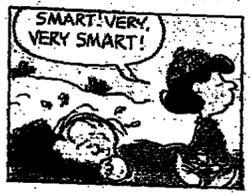
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Hizbullah: Deal for Ilya's body possible soon

By DAVID RUDGE

An exchange deal for the remains of naval commando Itamar Ilya could be achieved within the next two weeks, a leading Hizbullah official has said.

The statement followed the release on Friday of two detainees suspected of collaborating with Hizbullah, from the El-Khijam jail in south Lebanon. The men, both suffering from health problems, were released in an apparent goodwill gesture for the upcoming Moslem fasting month of Ramadan.

Omar Ahmed, 40, who has a kidney ailment, had been detained for more than 10 years, and Shawki Nasrallah, 38, who was held for five months, were handed over to the International Red Cross and taken to a hospital in the port city of Sidon.

Nasrallah, apparently no relation to Hizbullah leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah, was said to suffer from severe migraine attacks.

Hizbullah official Abdallah Kassir was quoted by news agencies after the release as saying that an exchange deal was imminent and could be reached within two weeks.

His comments followed reports last week that progress had been made in negotiations for a swap that would lead to the return of Ilya's remains.

Eleven naval commandos and an IDF doctor were killed in an abortive raid near Ansariya village between Tyre and Sidon in September, in which Ilya's body was not recovered. Since the incident, Israel has been negotiating with Lebanon through third parties, primarily the Red Cross, to secure Ilya's remains.

Israel is holding the remains of several Lebanese gunmen, including the body of Hadi Nasrallah, son of the Hizbullah leader, who was killed in a clash with IDF troops in south Lebanon, also in September.

Hizbullah is seeking the release of Lebanese held in Israel and the security zone, as well as bodies of gunmen, in return for Ilya's remains.

According to Israeli officials, progress has been made in negotiations for an exchange deal, although the price has not yet been agreed.

Cabinet meets over maps



Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat (left) walks with US Assistant Secretary of State Martin Indyk after their meeting at Arafat's Gaza office yesterday. Their talk was in preparation for Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's separate meetings planned for this week with Arafat and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu. (AP)

Mordechai, Sharon to present separate pullback outlines

By JAY BUSHINSKY, ARIEH O'SULLIVAN, HILLEL KUTTLER and news agencies

The cabinet is to consider two proposed maps of the IDF's next West Bank redeployment, as well as a set of conditions for implementing it, at a day-long meeting today aimed at giving Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu geographical guidelines for presentation to US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

But Netanyahu, who is scheduled to meet Albright in Paris on Thursday, will not be able to display a map representing a cabinet consensus on a further redeployment, sources said.

Planning Branch Maj.-Gen. Shlomo Yanai, and other officials, including the director-general of the Public Works Department, Mordechai's spokesman Avi Benayahu said that Mordechai is to present the cabinet today with various second redeployment options, which have been worked and reworked by the IDF and defense establishment.

According to Benayahu, two maps have been prepared: one drawing military red lines and the other focusing on "national interests."

He dismissed reports on Israel Radio on Friday that said the defense minister was proposing a 13 percent withdrawal.

"The defense establishment has prepared a number of options for the second withdrawal, but none of them are as large as 13%," Benayahu said.

The National Religious Party ministers were instructed by their Knesset faction to make the IDF withdrawal hinge on the PA's fulfillment of a detailed list of prior commitments. They will seek a cabinet vote on a draft resolution to this effect.

It states that as long as the PA does not start implementing these measures, "above all, the extradition of murderers and terrorists," the government will not make any decision about the scope or timing of the next IDF pullback.

With reference to a final-status agreement with the PA, the NRP resolution stipulates that the Palestinians be granted "self rule," but not statehood, and with no "right of return" for Arab refugees west of the Jordan River. It also calls for exclusive Israeli sovereignty in Jerusalem as well as sovereignty over the Etzion Bloc, the Ma'aleh Adumim region, Givat Ze'ev, and Betar.

Another NRP condition is an end to PLO activity in Jerusalem and closure of its institutions in the city.

Indyk engaged in a brief debate with Arafat after his meeting with him in Gaza. The Palestinian leader triggered it by saying, "There is continuous pressure from the American side and that Albright's meetings [with Netanyahu and him] last week were 'part of this pressure.'"

To this, Indyk retorted: "Pressure is not a word that is in the American vocabulary. We are seeking to encourage both sides."

The assistant secretary also met with Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky at breakfast and conferred afterward with Sharon.

Government officials observed that Indyk's apparent role of a "lobbyist" left some room for dissatisfaction.

Presidents' Conference sends letter to Clinton, Page 2

Despite the seven hours allocated to the cabinet session and the possibility of a follow-up before his departure for Europe on Wednesday, they see little chance the demarcation process will be completed by then.

In an intensive effort to nudge the Israeli and Palestinian sides toward an early agreement on the territorial issue, US Assistant Secretary of State Martin Indyk conferred separately yesterday with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat as well as with several cabinet members.

National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon's proposed map not only includes two security zones - one along the Jordan River and one along the Green Line - but also a new axis road from Arad through Ma'aleh Adumim and along the Allon Route northward to the Beit She'an Valley.

This strategic passageway, to be called Highway 80, which traverses the hills overlooking the Jordan Valley, would be included in a 20-km wide security zone. Sharon also will demand that Israel retain control of the West Bank's water sources.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai will submit a separate map for the cabinet's consideration, based on topographical and strategic evaluations made at the General Staff level.

On Friday, Mordechai and Sharon made a helicopter tour of the Judean Desert in for a bird's-eye view of redeployment possibilities. Accompanying the two ministers were Deputy Chief of General Staff Maj.-Gen. Shaul Mofaz, OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan, OC

Health officials expect NIS150m. drug allocation

By JUDY SEGEL

Senior Health Ministry officials were last night "very tense but guardedly optimistic" that the cabinet this morning would approve the allocation of NIS 150 million to include 14 vital drugs in the basket of health services covered by the National Health Insurance Law.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Health Minister Yehoshua Matza spoke by telephone twice on Friday; the premier promised Matza that money for the life-saving medications - for patients with cancer, AIDS, diabetes and other chronic diseases - would be found.

However, ministry officials are concerned that the Treasury will try to evade allocating extra money by demanding that the amount be deducted from the ministry's regular budget for hospitals and other services, or from the health funds.

Ministry officials are also anxious about finding funds to cover a NIS 1.3 billion health system deficit. Either the Finance Ministry will fill this gap using the

Arafat accuses Israel of planning to remove al-Aksa

By JAY BUSHINSKY

Government officials are concerned about Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat's allegations that Israel plans to remove al-Aksa Mosque and build a third temple.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's director of communications, David Bar-Ilan, cited excerpts of Arafat's speech to the Islamic summit in Teheran last week that he considered particularly offensive. They included this passage:

"I am ringing the bell of danger to warn against the Jewish plan to build the Temple of Solomon in the place where today stands al-Aksa Mosque, after removing the mosque."

Arafat repeatedly deplored "the danger of invasive Judaization" which, he said, aims at eliminating Jerusalem's Islamic and Arab identity.

He declared that peace will not be achieved without "occupied Jerusalem being returned to its legitimate owners as capital of an independent Palestinian state." The PA chairman justified this on the grounds that Jerusalem is "a Palestinian, Arab, Moslem, Christian and world city."

Iraq executes hundreds in 'prison cleaning campaign'

By JAY BUSHINSKY

A wave of executions in Iraq has reportedly taken the lives of more than 800 political prisoners, according to information transmitted by the Iraqi Broadcasting Corporation from its base in the northern city of Arbil, in the country's UN-controlled sector.

"The death toll is expected to increase as the executions are still continuing," the broadcast said.

Among those said to have been put to death at the express orders of President Saddam Hussein's son, Qusay, were 30 members of the Iraqi National Congress, the main opposition group.

The executions were said to be part of a "prison cleaning campaign" initiated by Qusay as head of Iraq's Special Security Organization.

Those killed in the Abu Ghraib prison were shot and those put to death at Radwaniyah prison near Baghdad were electrocuted, the IBC said.

It linked the executions to the crisis over renewed activity of the UN inspection team searching for unconventional weapons in Iraq.

Observers note that Saddam increases repression when he feels

Netanyahu cancels 'Yediot' subscription

By Jerusalem Post Staff and news agencies

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu canceled his subscription to *Yediot Aharonot* over the weekend, following a report on his wife Sara in its Friday edition, charging that she abuses her staff and interferes in his work.

Netanyahu sent a sharp letter of protest to *Yediot* publisher Arnon Mozes and editor Alon Shalev, saying the report "crossed all lines of decency, humanity, and morality."

"In general, I have kept silent about the repeated attacks on my family in the last year and a half, but this evil assault is unprecedented. Its aim is to destroy her respect as a human being through character assassination," Netanyahu wrote.

He concluded: "Now I have to take the most basic step available to a citizen in a democratic society. I hereby announce the cancellation of my subscription to *Yediot Aharonot*."

Yediot stood by its report, saying in response: "We regret the prime minister chose not to relate substantively in his letter to the facts that were revealed in the *Yediot Aharonot* investigation."

The statement said that the report dealt with "Mrs. Netanyahu's conduct in the public arena, the unaudited expenditure of public funds, and the inappropriate behavior towards state employees."

It added that the report had been published after a thorough investigation of the facts, "which up until now have not been denied by Mrs. Netanyahu or a member of her office."

For her part, Sara Netanyahu said Friday that there has been an outpouring of support for her following the *Yediot* article.

She came out of her home and spoke to reporters as she greeted a man and his two daughters who



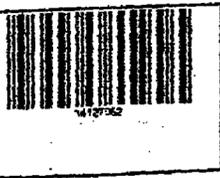
Sara Netanyahu (AP)

treated her staff, once threatened to call the police on her husband, and ordered bodyguards to clean up her children's spilled food.

It quoted housekeeper Rachel Ya'acov, who worked for years in the homes of Israeli premiers, as saying Sara Netanyahu was a difficult boss who had once thrown newly polished shoes at her, claiming she had ruined them.

The paper also said Netanyahu takes whatever gifts she can and that once, troubled by security considerations preventing her accepting a bottle of wine, she suggested her staffers taste the wine to make sure it wasn't poisoned.

Yediot said Netanyahu had not only alienated her husband's old friends, but his daughter by his first marriage as well. Two years ago, she asked his daughter, Noa, not to call him "Dad" in front of her sons, because "they don't know they have a sister."



NEWS

in brief

US defense secretary apologizes for canceling trip

US Secretary of Defense William Cohen phoned his Israeli counterpart Yitzhak Mordechai over the weekend to apologize for canceling his visit to Israel scheduled for this week, but said a new date would be set soon. Cohen was also to have visited Egypt and Jordan on his trip.

Cohen blamed the postponement on tensions with Iraq, as well as options his office must prepare by this week on US troops in Bosnia. Mordechai gave Cohen his impressions of his recent visit to Ankara and his talks with the Turkish political leadership and military echelon, the statement said. *Arieh O'Sullivan*

Farrakhan asked to retract antisemitic remarks

A Foreign Ministry's decision on a projected visit to Israel by Louis Farrakhan, leader of the Nation of Islam in the US, will depend on whether he retracts offensive statements he has made about Israel and the Jewish people.

"He is being asked to make a clear and unequivocal statement against terrorism perpetrated in the name of Islam," ministry spokesman Aviv Shir-On added yesterday.

A message to this effect was sent to Farrakhan's representatives who have been in touch about his plan to visit next month. Farrakhan has been on a two-month world tour. *Jay Bushinsky*

US rabbis support Neeman Commission

An informal group of 18 Reform, Conservative, and Orthodox rabbis, scholars and lay people in New York has come out in support of the Neeman Commission, saying it hopes the commission can avert an "irrevocable split" within the Jewish community.

However, the group does not include the leadership of the American Conservative and Orthodox communities. The Orthodox are represented by Shvil Hazahav, a group of Orthodox rabbis that was formed several years ago to urge a dialogue on the Oslo Accords. Those rabbis subsequently found themselves vilified within their own community. *Marilyn Henry*

Two Hamas activists escape from Gaza jail

Two Hamas activists serving life sentences escaped last week from a jail in Gaza.

Hatem Abu Wadi and Khalil Sakani, member of Izzadin Kassam, Hamas's military wing, were convicted by the Palestinian Authority Security Court of killing a Palestinian policeman.

The Abu Wadi and Sakani families claim their sons were being held in solitary confinement as punishment for a previous escape attempt. The families' homes were raided after the escape and members interrogated. *Mohammed Najib*

Jerusalem police prevent PFLP gathering

Jerusalem police yesterday closed the Hakawati theater in eastern Jerusalem to prevent a festival organized by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine to celebrate its 30 anniversary. Police surrounded the theater and prevented Arabs from entering it. *Mohammed Najib*

Infiltrator from Egypt falls to death during chase

An infiltrator from Egypt fell 80 meters off a cliff and died while being chased by IDF troops on Thursday night, officials said yesterday.

The soldiers gave chase after detecting footprints near the Ramon air base in the Negev, adjacent to the border with Egypt. The man was one of five infiltrators; the others were caught with 58 kilos of marijuana.

The four, aged 22 to 30, were remanded for 10 days by the Beersheba Magistrate's Court on Friday, pending expulsion. *Tim*

Four dead, 12 injured in road accidents

Three people died yesterday in road accidents in Galilee and a fourth, a 15-year-old boy, died of injuries sustained in an accident on Thursday. Mohammed Jubrin, 41, was killed in a head-on collision that occurred near Shifaram when a van skidded on a wet road. Five other people were injured.

Two women were killed in another head-on collision near the Ilabun junction in lower Galilee. Three people were injured in that crash.

Albert Vershovsky, 15 from Ashkelon died of serious head injuries he sustained after being struck by a car while he was riding a bicycle Thursday.

Four other people were injured yesterday in a collision near the Ashkelon beach. *Tim*

Accused in death of HU president remanded

Haim Nagar, who is charged with negligent homicide in the deaths of late Hebrew University president Yoram Ben-Porat, his wife and his son in a collision on the Arava road in October 1992, was remanded on Friday for three days by the Beersheba District Court.

Nagar arrived the same day from the US, from where he was extradited after fleeing during his trial in 1994. *Tim*

Hollywood Jewish cemetery saved from closure

By TOM TUGEND

LOS ANGELES - In a cliffhanger worthy of any western, Beth Olam Cemetery in Hollywood has been rescued from oblivion at the last moment.

Known as the last resting place of many of Hollywood's famous and infamous, the cemetery holds the graves of actors Paul Muni and Peter Lorre, the multi-voiced Mel Blanc, producers Harry Cohn and Jesse Lasky, composer Erich Wolfgang Korngold, and mobster Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel.

Beth Olam is the Jewish section of Hollywood Memorial Park Cemetery, which has been in bankruptcy for 18 months and until last week faced the real possibility of being padlocked and abandoned.

Bankruptcy trustees had been fruitlessly seeking a buyer for over a year and were ready to close down the place, when at the last second Callanan Mortuary offered to pay \$375,000 for the memorial park and promised to refurbish the badly neglected grounds.

Buried in the general section of the memorial park are Rudolph Valentino, Cecil B. DeMille, Douglas Fairbanks Sr., Tyrone Power, and John Huston. The turnaround comes as a great relief to the city's Jews, who feared they might be prevented from visiting and tending some 20,000 graves in Beth Olam, while others faced the loss of pre-paid burial plots, crypts, and mausoleum niches.

The University of California, Davis, joins the family and friends of Professor Deborah Delmer in mourning the loss of her husband

Professor Yoash Vaadia

a distinguished member of the international scientific community



IDF kills Hizbullah gunman

By DAVID RUDGE

At least one Hizbullah gunman was killed and a number of others were wounded by IDF troops operating north of the security zone in the early hours of Friday morning, the IDF Spokesman announced.

It was one of the few publicized initiated operations by IDF troops north of the zone since the abortive naval commando raid in September in which 12 soldiers were killed.

There were no IDF casualties in

Friday's operation in the Jabal Rafiah region.

OC Northern Command Maj-Gen. Amiram Levine praised the soldiers involved following their debriefing.

The Hizbullah gunmen were apparently trying to infiltrate the zone to attack IDF and South Lebanese Army targets in the Soujud region, in the northeastern sector, or to plant mines or explosive devices in the area.

Hizbullah issued a statement in Beirut saying that one of its veteran fighters, Mahmud Hussein

Burji, had been killed fighting the "Zionist enemy" on Friday. The statement said Burji had joined Hizbullah in 1989 and had been involved in many operational activities.

In other incidents, gunmen fired mortars and light weapons at IDF and SLA positions in the western and eastern sectors of the security zone over the weekend. There were no casualties and IDF and SLA gunmen returned fire.

Meanwhile, UNIFIL has put a permanent guard on an outpost it is constructing near Yatar village

north of the zone. The guards were brought in after an explosion blasted the partially completed compound last Thursday, causing damage but no injuries.

Local security sources in Lebanon said it appears Hizbullah was responsible for blowing up the compound, because it does not want a UN observation post in the area.

UNIFIL lodged a complaint with the Lebanese authorities over what it described as a criminal act and said construction of the post would go ahead as planned.



Disputed arrest
An IDF officer (right) speaks with two Israelis arrested by the Palestinian Police for entering the part of Hebron under Palestinian Authority control, shortly after they were released to the IDF on Friday afternoon. The IDF has lodged a complaint over the incident, saying the Oslo Accords do not permit the PA to arrest Israelis. (Reuters)

Presidents' Conference tells Clinton PA should live up to its commitments

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK - After weeks of public silence, the Conference of Presidents of American Jewish Organizations has weighed in on the Middle East peace process, with a letter to President Bill Clinton that skirts the fundamental question of American pressure on Israel.

The letter was released at week's end as the weekly newspaper *Forward* announced in an editorial that "the conference collapses" and reported that "doves" in the American Jewish leadership were declaring victory.

Meanwhile, an ad by the "Committee for the Preservation of the Land of Israel" referred to Clinton as the "preferred candidate" of the PLO and Hamas.

The Presidents' Conference told Clinton that it "share[s] your commitment to pursuing a just, secure and lasting peace between Israel and all her neighbors through direct

negotiations." The letter also acknowledged that the US has a central role as a facilitator and mediator.

However, alluding to dissent between Jerusalem and Washington without identifying it, the Presidents' Conference said: "The history of past negotiations shows that the prospects for success are greatest when the US and Israel work in concert."

"Anything that diminishes or appears to detract from a strong and unambiguous mutual US-Israel alliance is counterproductive to the goals the two countries share. Differences between the two governments should be dealt with directly and not in the public arena," said the letter, which was signed by Chairman Mel Salberg and Malcolm Hoenlein, the executive director.

"Both Israelis and Palestinians are required to live up to their commitments," the letter said. "Israel should not be expected to make new concessions while prior commitments are not honored by the

Palestinian Authority."

The Presidents' Conference is an unwieldy umbrella agency of 55 national Jewish organizations whose ideologies range from Americans for Peace Now to the Zionist Organization of America. Although these groups share general sentiments about peace and security, they are at loggerheads over the details. These keen divisions within the conference have undermined its ability to hone an authoritative and functional consensus of Jewish opinion.

In addition, the conference has been effectively challenged by dovish non-members, such as the Israel Policy Forum, which was formed to support the peace process shortly after the 1993 Israel-PLO meeting at White House.

IPF is not a membership organization that represents American Jews, but a small group of well-heeled liberals - many of whom are benefactors of the Democratic Party - with greater access to Clinton than

the Presidents' Conference.

The Presidents' Conference letter also was intended to assuage some members who were frustrated that the conference did not complain last month when Clinton did not meet Prime Minister Binjamin Netanyahu.

"Doves Declaring Victory Within Leadership as Clinton Presses Bibi; Jacoby Jubilant," the *Forward* reported, referring to Jonathan Jacoby, the head of IPF.

In its editorial, the *Forward* objected to the pressure on Netanyahu.

"There's no reason whatsoever for Mr. Netanyahu to rush things just because a secretary of state [Madeleine Albright] with a strong case of moral equivalency comes down with ants in her pants."

"On his worst day," the *Forward* said, Netanyahu still has a democratic mandate by virtue of free elections - "more of a democratic mandate than any of the Jewish leaders caviling within the conference."

Man's Moslem and Jewish widows compromise on burial

King Solomon couldn't have done better.

Two widows - one Jewish and one Moslem - who had been fighting in court over who would bury their shared husband, decided on a compromise Friday.

Shuakat Kuza, a Moslem who converted to Judaism and back to Islam, will be buried in the Moslem section - but near the Jewish side - of a cemetery in Haifa where his Jewish widow lives.

There will be two separate burial ceremonies, one Jewish and one Moslem, Channel 2 reported.

Kuza had converted to Judaism in 1994, taken a Hebrew name, and married his Jewish partner of 30 years, with whom he had three children. But three days after he married her in November 1995, he went to an Islamic court in Hebron, converted back to Islam, and married a Moslem woman, without ever divorcing his Jewish wife. Moslems are allowed to marry up to four women.

After Kuza died recently of heart failure, each wife demanded to be allowed to bury him according to her religion and on Thursday took the case to the

High Court of Justice.

Justices Mishael Cheshin, Yitzhak Zamir, and Dorit Beinisch gave the sides until Tuesday to reach a compromise before handing down their own ruling on the case, but Channel 2 said the women reached agreement on their own.

Until burial arrangements are finalized, the justices ordered Kuza's body - which had been kept for over a week in the morgue of Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital - to be transferred to the Institute for Forensic Medicine at Abu Kabir. (News agencies)

Swiss banker: Settlement must satisfy Israel, US

ZURICH (Reuters) - Swiss banks should not simply pay millions of dollars to settle Jewish groups' demands, but would be interested in a deal that has Israeli and US government approval, the chief executive of Union Bank of Switzerland said yesterday.

"I am not in favor of the idea that Swiss banks simply pull some money out of the bag and do something quickly," Mathis Caballavetta of UBS said.

However, he said, he was ready to seek a constructive solution if it settled all claims and was endorsed by the Israeli and US governments.

Undersecretary of State Stuart Eizenstat to discuss the issue.

It would be a mistake to strike a deal before Switzerland thoroughly reviews its World War II past, Caballavetta told Swiss Radio.

"We have to come to grips with this clearly. I don't want to see us do something quickly and then in 10 years time have people say justice was again not done in Switzerland," said Caballavetta, who will become the head of the world's second-biggest bank if UBS merges next year with Swiss Bank Corporation.

World Jewish Congress President Edgar Bronfman has called for a payment of more than \$1 billion to settle all

Holocaust claims against Switzerland, including class-action lawsuits filed in federal court in New York against Swiss banks.

However, lawyers representing the claimants have said that the WJC is not authorized to make a settlement on their behalf. The suits are seeking at least \$20b. in damages.

"A billion or 500 million [dollars] does not solve the problem," Caballavetta said.

"The problem must be solved so that the Jewish population around the world is satisfied and says: 'You Swiss have now done what you were obliged to and done what is right.'"

CABINET

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They contended that "there is resentment in political circles" over the fact that he is "constantly present" at a time when the government's decision-making process is taking place.

Indyk is scheduled to meet Netanyahu and Foreign Minister David Levy before he leaves for the next stops on his current regional tour: Jordan, Syria, and possibly Lebanon.

Albright is to meet Netanyahu in Paris and Arafat in London on Thursday; the State Department said yesterday.

Spokesman James Rubin announced in Cape Town that Albright would attempt to narrow differences and "continue to try to find the best way to put the peace process back on track."

After his meeting with Albright, Netanyahu's tentative and as-yet unconfirmed schedule calls for a stop in Luxembourg for talks with its foreign minister, Jacques Poos.

Interviewed on John McLaughlin's *One on One* television program in the US, National Security Adviser Sandy Berger said the US sees the peace process "at a critical moment" now and wants both Netanyahu and Arafat "to take the steps that are necessary to get a serious negotiation going again."

He reiterated that the US wants the cabinet to offer a "significant, credible" redeployment so it "will enable the Palestinians to come back into negotiations." And at the same time, the Palestinian Authority needs to be very clear and very convincing in the fact that it is doing all that it can to deal with cracking down on terrorism.

"The important thing here is for the parties themselves to realize that time is not on our side here," he added.

Bishop arrested for forgery

By HAIM SHAPIRO

Police at the Allenby Bridge yesterday arrested Anglican Bishop of Jerusalem Samir Kafky for allegedly forging an exit permit.

Shlomo Dror, spokesman for the Coordinator of Government Activities in the West Bank and Gaza, said the bishop was stopped at the border upon returning from Jordan with a crudely forged permit. Dror said that Kafky's photograph had been pasted in and his name inserted in place of that of the person to whom the permit had been issued.

"There are many cases in which we make exceptions and go out of our way for those in genuinely urgent cases, but this was a case of clear forgery and we see it as very serious," Dror said.

Other sources said Kafky had been interrogated at the border and that he had admitted the forgery, but said it had been carried out by his driver. He was later released on his own cognizance, the sources said.

Kafky is the joint head of the Anglican Church in the Holy Land and Jordan, together with elected Bishop Riah Abu Assal. The exit permit is that required of all Jerusalem residents who do not have Israeli citizenship.

Uri Mor, director of the Religious Affairs Ministry department for Christian communities, said that Kafky had appealed for Mor's intervention to obtain the required permit last week, when Interior Ministry officials had been on strike, in order to go to Armenia, where he had been invited by the Armenian Church.

Mor said that he had attempted to find an official to issue the permit, but had been unable to do so because Kafky had been due to leave the same day.

ARAFAT

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He contended that "the Zionists" have committed hundreds of millions of dollars to Judaize the city and perpetuate it as Israel's eternal capital.

Arafat also referred to the opening of an exit to the Western Wall Tunnel in 1996 and the subsequent "anger of the Arab and Islamic nations and of the whole world." He said this was in addition to "plans to settle" Ras al-Amud and Har Homa. These projects, Arafat went on, are "aimed at isolating Jerusalem from its Palestinian hinterland and building a replacement city for Bethlehem, which is preparing its 2,000th anniversary of the birth of Our Lord Jesus."

Arafat also called for an end to "the oppressive siege on our sister Iraq" and for the removal of sanctions against Libya and Sudan.

CORRECTION

Giora Lev is the current mayor of Petah Tikva, and not as reported on December 5.

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Yishai praises Pollard for 'divine devotion'

By LIAT COLLINS and news agencies

In a letter to Jonathan Pollard published Friday, Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai praised the convicted spy for working with "divine devotion" for Israel's security.

Yishai sent the letter through Communications Minister Limor Livnat, who plans to visit Pollard on Tuesday as part of a new campaign to win his release.

"You deserve to be pardoned, to immigrate to Israel, the beloved land whose security you worked for with such divine devotion," Yishai wrote, according to a ministry statement.

Yishai said the government should "do all that is possible so that you will see the light of the sun, feel the freedom and come to Israel." Pollard, a former US naval analyst, is serving a life sentence for passing US military secrets to Israel in the mid-1980s. In October, Pollard, who received Israeli citizenship in July 1996, petitioned the High Court of Justice to force the government to take responsibility for his espionage and recognize him as an agent of the state. The court has not yet ruled.

Pollard has complained that Israel abandoned him and that Israeli leaders have not honored promises to push for his release. Israel has maintained that Pollard passed secret US military documents to Israel without official sanction.

US President Bill Clinton rejected a clemency plea by Pollard in

1996, citing the enormity of his crime, his lack of remorse, and the damage he caused to US security. *Ha'aretz* questioned Friday why no attempt has been made to swap an Israeli convicted of spying for the US in the 1980s for Pollard.

Former IDF Intelligence major Yosef Amit was arrested in 1986 and admitted he provided the CIA with classified military documents. Amit was convicted in April 1987 and sentenced to 12 years in jail, *Ha'aretz* said, and confirmed foreign reports that he had been released in 1995.

Following the report, Labor MK Ophir Pines yesterday demanded the government reach an agreement for the release of Pollard. Amit was arrested in March 1986, four months after Pollard's arrest in the US. Pines said that former prime ministers Yitzhak Shamir and Shimon Peres, who were in power at the time but did not demand a prisoner exchange, "have questions to answer and explanations to make concerning their strange behavior in this case."

Pines said the Netanyahu government has a chance to rectify the mistakes of its predecessors. "It must insist on the principle of reciprocity in its relationship with the US. It must demand Pollard be released immediately," said Pines.

"The US cannot continue to relate to Pollard as a dangerous criminal who cannot be released, when today everybody knows that at the same time that Pollard operated and was caught, the US was not averse to dealing in espionage on Israel."



Thirty years of PFLP
Palestinian youths wave flags during a rally in the Gaza Strip on Friday marking the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. (Reuters)

HEBREW PRESS REVIEW

By ORLY AHARONI

Under pressure

A few days before his expected meeting with US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, who aims to get a commitment on the scope of the concessions that Israel is willing to make to the Palestinians, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is under pressure both from without and from within. The Hebrew press analyzed the forces working on Netanyahu.

Yediot Aharonot's Orly Azulai-Katz writes that the Clinton government has done extensive research regarding the American Jews' opinion on whether Netanyahu should be pressured into implementing the Oslo agreements.

According to a poll conducted by the Democratic Party, more than 60% of the Jews support pressing Netanyahu into making the concessions.

"Clinton and Vice President Al Gore need the Jews...and that is one of the reasons that they decided to continue this policy."

"There is no doubt that the source of the American pressure lies in the government's feeling that there are some Israeli ministers who tend to agree to a big 'redeployment', writes *Hatzofeh's* B.S. Noga, who adds that the government should not feel it is forced to comply because eventually, the Americans will learn to accept any Israeli decision.

"The relationship with the two women in his life are not what they seem," writes *Ha'aretz's* Yoel Marcus, referring to both Sara Netanyahu and Albright.

Marcus addresses *Yediot Aharonot's* article on the caprice of the first lady and the growing pressure of the secretary of state for a general redeployment.

"Whether Sara's behavior and whims damage Bibi's functioning as a prime minister, only he can answer, but the influence of the other woman on him personally, on his functioning and on the entire country, is unequivocal."

Drug crisis

Pressing social and economic issues dominated last week's national agenda, focusing once again on the Treasury, following the most recent health-care crisis: the health funds' demand that the Treasury finance drugs for cancer and AIDS patients.

Yediot Aharonot's Nahm Barnea claims that the Treasury's yielding to Histadrut demands, ending the strike, weakened Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman's status and motivated Health Minister Yehoshua Matza to launch an attack on him prior to the budget vote.

"Matza attacked Neeman because he had arrived at the conclusion that the [Neeman] is beaten, wounded, [bleeding]," Barnea writes.

He adds that Neeman is convinced that bringing cancer patients to the Knesset to elicit the whole country's sympathy is a "whole play devised by the health funds and Health Ministry."

"The rule of every bureaucrat and politician says: Always begin the budget cut in the most painful place in order to avoid the whole cut," writes *Ha'aretz's* Nehemia Strassler.

He was referring to the health funds' claims that it cannot supply drugs to children with cancer.

He adds that the health funds want to give the faulty impression that despite their attempts at thriftiness and efficiency, they have remained with no finance resources.

"The health funds have no interest in becoming efficient or economical," he writes.

Lone wolf

The Labor Party convention opened the door to attacks on party leader Ehud Barak, and the press ponders the reasons.

In her article, "The Big Democroter," *Ma'ariv's* Sima

Kadmon writes that although Barak's intentions are good, somehow he manages to miss the target.

"Inside this sophisticated, cautious and suspicious man, hides an inexperienced man," she claims, adding that "even for a person who learns as fast as he does, inside the political system it is difficult to anticipate every response."

Kadmon writes that within the party there is a "wish to shake him, not to rebel against him."

According to *Ha'aretz's* Lily Gallil, Barak gives the party the impression that he needs no one, "and therefore threatens their future." She adds that "in his growing loneliness, he reminds people more and more of Bibi Netanyahu."

Hatzofeh's Moshe Ishon states that "there is no barrier that eliminates Barak's motivation to reach the top, but until now, he has not managed to take off," adding that his adversaries in his own party claim that "he is a nationalist disguising himself as a Leftist."

UN affirms Palestinians' right to self-determination

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK - The UN General Assembly, wrapping up its annual debate on the "question of Palestine," voted 160-2 on Friday to reaffirm the right of the Palestinians to self-determination. Only Israel and the US cast negative votes.

The assembly's votes, as in years past, were overwhelmingly against Israel, with one major exception: the Palestinians were rebuffed in a procedural battle last week, in their effort to upgrade their UN status from observers to nearly that of a state.

In a series of resolutions last week, the assembly again demanded a halt to construction at Har Homa, which the UN calls Jabal Abu Ghneim. It voted by crushing majorities to continue support for the Division for Palestinian Rights, a unit within the UN Secretariat, as well as for the Committee on the

Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People. The US and Israel have argued that these groups are anachronistic and that they consume scarce funds that could be put to humanitarian purposes.

In a resolution on the "peaceful settlement of the question of Palestine," the assembly called on concerned parties, the co-sponsors of the Middle East peace process, and the international community to bring the peace process back on track and ensure its success. The vote was 155-2 (Israel, US), with three abstentions.

The assembly passed a resolution 148-1 (Israel) saying that Israel's imposition of its laws, jurisdiction, and administration on Jerusalem was illegal. Nine states, including the US, abstained. A resolution calling on Israel to withdraw from the "Syrian Golan" was adopted 92-2 (Israel, US). Sixty-five states abstained.

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Histadrut to pay striking Kitan workers

Histadrut Chairman MK Amir Peretz on Friday promised the 320 striking workers of the Kitan textile plant in Upper Nazareth that the labor federation would pay their salaries as long as their struggle to keep the plant open continues.

Peretz, who ate Shabbat dinner with the workers and their families, accompanied by Upper Nazareth Mayor Menabem Ariav, told them the wages would be paid from the Histadrut strike fund.

Peretz also told the workers he would introduce a bill to the Knesset today that would require employers to announce factory closings half a year in advance. Ariav called for a boycott of Kitan products. *Inim*

Kahalani tells Vanunu: You're still a threat

In an angry meeting at Ashkelon Prison last week, Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani told nuclear spy Mordechai Vanunu he still poses a threat to state security and would remain in solitary confinement, aide Rafi Levy confirmed Friday.

Vanunu, who spilled Israel's nuclear secrets in 1986, is serving an 18-year sentence for treason.

According to *Ma'ariv*, during a tour of the prison, Kahalani told Vanunu: "I fought on the battlefield to protect you - and you jeopardized the security of my children and the state. You must pay for that."

Vanunu, 43, asked to be placed in a cell with Palestinian security prisoners, a request Kahalani turned down. *AP*

Edelstein traveling to Russia

Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein is to travel to Russia tomorrow for five days, during which time he will sign a cooperation agreement with the Russian immigration service.

Edelstein is also to hold talks regarding tourism from Russia expected in 2000, and plans to meet with the mayor of Moscow and Russian church officials on this matter. He is to also meet leaders of the Russian Jewish community. *Aryeh Dean Cohen*

Internal SPNI struggle heats up

The struggle for control of the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel is heating up prior to its general annual meeting and elections next month. Last week, a group of veteran members announced the establishment of a group called "The Friends of the SPNI," headed by SPNI Chairman of the Board Yoav Sagi and SPNI founder member and environmentalist Azaria Alon.

It declared one of its aims is to thwart a takeover by the break-away SPNI Reconnaissance Groups, led by Israel Bar Association chairman Dror Hoter-Yishai.

The reconnaissance groups have accused the current executive of the SPNI of neglecting educational efforts while the executive accuses Hoter-Yishai of being involved in lucrative land development projects. SPNI director-general Eytan Gadalyzon said over the weekend that Hoter-Yishai wants control of the group as a way of preventing SPNI objections to the projects. Hoter-Yishai rejected the charge and said there is no conflict of interests involved. *Liav Collins*

Birth dates can be more easily inserted on ID

Those whose identity cards only bear the year of their births, and have 00.00 written where the month and day should appear, can now file an affidavit with the ministry via a lawyer or court, to allow them to have the additional information entered, Interior Minister Eliahu Suissa announced last week. *Aryeh Dean Cohen*

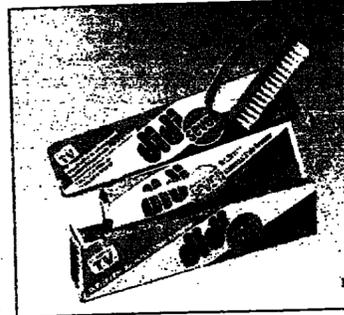
Int'l English radio begins broadcasts here

World Radio Network's English-language service, WRN1, will begin nightly broadcasts in the Middle East tomorrow on 95.4 on the AM band, from 22:25 local time until 06:30.

The London-based network launched the service in 1993, and it has listeners in over 60 countries. It will be audible here, in Lebanon, and Cyprus, and in much of Egypt, Jordan, and Syria.

The service includes original news programming, and news programs from various countries, including the US, Canada, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, the Netherlands, France, Poland, Sweden, and Finland. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

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US deports Latvian war criminal on arrival

By TOM TUGEND

LOS ANGELES — An officer in a notorious Latvian death squad during World War II was caught last week as he tried to enter the United States and immediately deported to Australia.

Konrads Kalejs, 84, who was arrested at Los Angeles International Airport on his arrival from Melbourne, had previously been deported from the US after being described by a US appeals court as a "key officer" in the killing of tens of thousands of Latvian Jews.

The incident sheds light on a watch list of 70,000 men suspected of wartime "acts of persecution," compiled by the US Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations (OSI) and distributed to immigration officials at

American ports of entry. Even now, the OSI gets an average of one call a week from immigration officials regarding suspected Nazi war criminals trying to enter the country, said Eli Rosenbaum, the OSI director.

As reported in *The Los Angeles Times*, agents spotted Kalejs's name on the list of incoming passengers and detained him. Although Kalejs maintained that he was only stopping to catch a connecting flight to Mexico, US authorities suspected that he would try to recross the Mexican border to the US, where he had lived for nearly 35 years.

Kalejs was deported from the US in 1994, following a finding by the Chicago-based US 7th Circuit Court of Appeals that he had been a company commander in the pro-Nazi Latvian Auxiliary

Security Police, and also manned the notorious Salaspils labor camp.

The police unit was known informally as the Arajs Kommando, after its leader, Viktors Arajs. The Latvian Nazi was convicted by a German court in 1979 for complicity in the death of 13,000 Jews.

Kalejs's case is not atypical of Nazi suspects regularly apprehended at US airports, most of them former SS members, said the OSI's Rosenbaum.

"If they deny having been in the SS, we instruct the INS agents at the scene to tell the individual to take off his shirt and allow the agent to look under the left biceps," Rosenbaum told *The Times*. "We're looking for the tell-tale blood-type tattoo the SS gave most of its men."

Papon trial suspended after juror falls ill

BORDEAUX (AP) — A judge suspended the war crimes trial of Maurice Papon on Friday after one of the jurors fell ill during an emotional reading of the names of Jewish victims deported in 1942.

The suspension came one hour after court had resumed to hear testimony about Papon's role in the roundup and deportations of Jews while he served in the Bordeaux regional administration during World War II.

The trial has been suspended on several occasions previously due to the 87-year-old Papon's frail health.

It was not immediately clear when the proceedings would resume.

Alain Jakubowicz, a lawyer for some of the victims and their families, said one of the jurors felt unwell as the names of ages of Jews arrested July 15, 1942 roundup were being read.

Papon, the most senior official of the pro-Nazi Vichy regime to stand trial for crimes against humanity, is charged with signing the arrest orders that led to the deportations and deaths of 1,690 Jews from Bordeaux during World War II.



Papon (AP)

Report: Dutch Jews were robbed by neighbors, Nazis

NEW YORK (AP) — Immediately after Anne Frank and her family were taken away to concentration camps, neighbors came and stole much of what they left behind in their attic hideout in Amsterdam, a World Jewish Congress report said last week.

The robbery was typical of what happened to Jews in occupied Holland, both randomly at the hands of neighbors and systematically by the Nazis and cooperating Dutch, the report said.

"For the most part, neighbors entered into Jewish homes straight after the deportation had taken place and took everything within an hour," according to the recollection of Wilma Stein, former head of the Jewish Welfare Association in Amsterdam.

"There were cases in which Jews were arrested in the morning, were released the same evening and who returned to their homes to find them empty."

The Franks' property never was

recovered by Otto Frank, Anne's father and the only member of the family to survive the Holocaust.

The report said robbery of Jews, who were forced to deposit their cash and valuables in a former Jewish bank, then amounted to about \$350 million—about \$3.5 billion today, according to an estimate by Dutch historian Gerard Aalders.

The report was based in part on a recently declassified US National Archives document a US consular official prepared in May 1946.



Canada widening hunt for Nazis

Neal Sher, former director of the Office of Special Investigations in the US Department of Justice, speaks to a news conference attended by dozens of concentration camp survivors in Toronto on Friday, after it was announced he would be an adviser to Canada's war crimes unit. Sher said Canada has proven its commitment to correct its past failure to deal with suspected war criminals by hiring him. A critic of Canada's record on dealing with war criminals, Sher was the chief American Nazi hunter for 12 years until 1994, then served briefly as director of AIPAC. Since 1979, the US has stripped 60 suspected Nazi collaborators of their citizenship, and another 300 cases are under investigation. Canada has started legal procedures to deport 12 suspected World War II-era Nazis. (AP)

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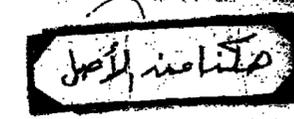
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US welcomes 'moderate' Islamic summit

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The United States welcomed what it called the moderate tone of the resolutions produced this week by a summit of Islamic states in Iran.

"On the basis of what we have seen, we give a cautious welcome to a moderate tone that seems to have been struck in some, if not all, of the resolutions," State Department deputy spokesman James Foley told reporters.

"We welcome, for instance, the call for cooperation, dialogue and positive understanding among cultures and religions, and the rejection of the ideology of confrontation" during the summit, he said.

"We also support the OIC's [Organization of Islamic Countries] condemnation of terrorism in all forms and methods, and the statement that the killing of innocent people is forbidden in Islam [and] would expect that all OIC members would reject attacks on civilians wherever they occur and for whatever reason that they may be carried out," he said.

Asked about news reports that OIC leaders also blamed Israel for its occupation of Arab land, "expansionist policies" and "state terrorism," Foley said US officials were not sure that was the case because they do not yet have all the texts from the conference.

"If it is true, of course we would... reject such a characterization of Israel," he said.

The deputy spokesman said that the analysis was based on

the text issued by the conference itself and not on conversations with American friends and allies who attended the meeting in Teheran.

As a result, the US judgments could not be called definitive, he said.

Foley said Washington also supported the OIC's proposal for continuation of a campaign against international terrorism and "noted with interest" the group's reference to full respect for the honor and rights of Moslem women.

However, he said that the United States expected the conference to openly support the American-mediated Middle East peace process, as previous conferences have done, and he expressed disappointment that that was not in the final declaration.

The United States rejected the call by the 55-member OIC for lifting sanctions on Libya but Foley noted that the conference did not make a similar appeal on behalf of Iraq.

He attributed the generally moderate tone of the final declaration to close American friends in the Arab world.

What the outcome of the conference says about Iran is uncertain, he said.

"I think you'd have to ask the Iranians whether they were forced to achieve to consensus, or whether this represents a change of heart and a reflection of their professed desire to have more good neighborly relations in the region," Foley said.

France puts Carlos on trial



File photograph of Ilich Ramirez Sanchez, also known as 'Carlos the Jackal,' and once the world's most elusive terrorist, who went on trial Friday in Paris for the 1974 slayings of two French counterintelligence agents.

PARIS - Grayer and portier but still packed with revolutionary fire, suspected terrorist Carlos the Jackal went on trial, attacking "the Zionist state" and "American imperialism."

"I am a professional revolutionary in the old Leninist tradition," said Venezuelan-born Ilich Ramirez Sanchez on Friday, who French agents captured and spirited out of Sudan in 1994 on murder charges.

"I've been a political activist of the Palestinian cause since summer 1970," said the ruddy-faced, double-chinned Ramirez.

Now 48, Ramirez still looked debonair in a cream polo shirt and ascot, tan slacks and gold wire-rimmed glasses. He had a receding hairline, a graying coiffe and a thin mustache.

It was the first court appearance ever by a man long identified by only grainy photographs, a shadowy figure who was once one of the world's most wanted terrorists linked to bombings, assassinations and hijackings.

By his own count, he has killed 83 people.

Three years in solitary confinement failed to break the Ramirez, who faces three separate counts of murder for the killing of two French investigators and a Lebanese national in 1975.

He faces 30 years in prison for each count.

Sharpshooters watched from rooftops, body scanners checked all entering the Palais de Justice and a dozen police stood in the courtroom at the beginning of the trial, which is expected to last for one week.

Ramirez and his lawyers launched a two-pronged assault, demanding the court throw out the case on grounds he was abducted and not legally extradited and demanding civil party lawyers be expelled from the courtroom.

Living up to his youthful image as a ladies' man, he beamed smiles at the six women in the nine-member jury stepped up to the front of the court, drawing muffled laughter from the public. Then he turned serious to demand his release.

Stealing the show from his lawyers, Ramirez largely took the defense in his own hands, giving long, impassioned often rambling monologues in French with a heavy Spanish accent.

Joviality alternated with anger.

"I can't be judged because of the conditions of my arrest," Ramirez said. He was reportedly given an injection before French agents spirited him in a sack to

them.

A group founded to defend the rights of victims, lawyers for SOS Attentats have access to all court documents and the right to intervene in court.

"Zionism is a chance of humanity, an objective linked to the United States, a hegemonic power," he said. He blasted "American imperialism and the Zionist state."

Presiding Judge Yves Corneloup twice briefly recessed the trial, but did not rule on the requests.

A ruling is expected tomorrow, when the trial is to resume.

Francoise Rudetzki, head of SOS-Attentats, told reporters she welcomed Carlos' attack.

"That means we know we are bothering him. We help the victims overcome their grief, we don't exploit them," she said.

Ramirez alleged Mossad agents from Israel had "cooperated with high French police officials" to set up the 1975 murders for which he is on trial.

Those killings occurred only months before his most spectacular coup - the kidnapping that December of 11 oil ministers at a Vienna meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

Carlos faces 30 years in prison if convicted of the 1975 killing of the two French agents and their Lebanese informer.

He has been in French jails since being captured after undergoing testicular surgery in a Khartoum hospital in Sudan in 1994 and bundled off to Paris.

Back on June 27, 1975, Ramirez was posing as a 26-year-old student in a tiny Latin Quarter apartment near the Sorbonne, when investigators knocked.

Raymond Dous and Jean Donatini, of the Direction de la Securite du Territoire - France's FBI - were probing an attack on Israel's El Al airlines at Paris' Orly Airport in January that year.

Arriving at 9 rue Toullier with the investigators was Michel Moukharbal, a fellow member of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, arrested earlier that month.

Moukharbal pointed to Ramirez as a suspect and Ramirez opened fire, killing him and the two agents before fleeing the country.

Ramirez' fingerprints on the pistol and his own description of the killings have given the prosecution a strong case.

Observers say he might use his secrets to eventually deal his way out of jail.

(AP, Reuters)

Ban lifted on shopping center at Auschwitz

WARSAW (AP) - A regional appeals council has lifted a ban on construction of a controversial visitor's center across from Auschwitz, the developer said.

Janusz Marszalek said Friday that he planned to resume work on the project early next year, and that he would sue the city council for revenues lost due to the suspension.

But the Oswiecim city council, which halted the project last July, said they would not permit construction to begin until after local officials worked out a new development code to preserve the dignity of the site.

Work on the center was stopped following months of protest by Polish officials, Auschwitz survivors and the Jewish community leaders, who said the planned shopping center and restaurants would desecrate the memory of some 1.5 million people that died at the camp.

As a result of the outcry, the developer altered the project, abandoning plans for a shopping center in favor of a visitors' center, with a fast-food outlet and bookshop.

The most recent proposal also includes a post office and a bank in the center.

The appeals council decided on Thursday that the project fit a concept developed last March by Polish authorities and Jewish representatives to expand visitor services and memorial sites at Auschwitz and the neighboring Birkenau.

However, the decision requires city council approval for the final plan, said Wlodzimierz Gebis, an Oswiecim city planning official.

Gebis said approval won't be given until the city has developed an overall urban development plan, not expected before the end of 1998.

PanAm 103 families clash with Libya in NY court

UNIONDALE, New York (Reuters) - Attorneys for families of the victims of PanAm Flight 103 and the Libyan government clashed in court Friday over whether the North African nation should face a civil lawsuit seeking to hold it accountable for the Lockerbie bombing.

On December 21, 1988, the PanAm passenger jet was on a flight from London to New York when it exploded over the village of Lockerbie, Scotland, killing all 259 people on board and 11 on the ground.

US District Judge Thomas Platt heard arguments from lawyers representing Libya, which wants the civil case tossed out, and attorneys for victims' families, who believe it should go forward.

The suit, which seeks unspecified financial damages, alleges the Libyan government contributed to the bombing and so

should be held responsible.

Two Libyan nationals, suspected intelligence agents, have been indicted in the United States on criminal charges, accused of planting the bomb. Tripoli contends the pair would not receive a fair trial in either Scotland or the United States and has not handed them over.

The civil case has been awaiting trial in federal court on New York's Long Island.

The plane was destined for John F. Kennedy airport, which is in the jurisdiction that

includes Long Island and Brooklyn.

The lawyers argued over whether the US court would have jurisdiction over the civil case. Lee Kreindler, lead attorney for the families, contended it was the only logical venue.

Libya's lawyer, Bruno Ristau, argued that US laws were not clear on the point.

"They're essentially asking us to put our head on a chopping block," Ristau told the court.

Judge Platt did not immediately rule on the motion.

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EU expansion excludes Turkey

LUXEMBOURG - The European Union welcomed 11 prospective new members yesterday in the biggest expansion project in its 40-year history.

Turkey, excluded from that group and at best a long-odds bet for EU membership, was however invited to join the candidates and current EU members at a ceremony in Britain next spring to launch the enlargement process.

EU leaders ending a two-day EU summit in Luxembourg urged Ankara not to turn away from Europe even though it could be decades before the predominantly Moslem, but secular state, is ready to join the western bloc.

The summit agreed to open the 15-nation bloc's doors to six new

members early next century, while reassuring five other ex-Soviet satellites that they, too, could begin the long road to EU membership, though at a slower pace.

"After the summit of Luxembourg we can speak not simply about the enlargement, but the reunification of Europe," said Polish Foreign Minister Bronislaw Geremek, whose country is the biggest of the fast-track applicants.

"For a man of my generation this is the real end of the Second World War," he said, adding: "It's good news for Poland and good news for Europe." Full accession talks will begin in spring with Hungary, Poland, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Slovenia and Cyprus.

The EU will at the same time

speed up preparations for accession talks later for five other east European states - Bulgaria, Romania, Slovakia, Lithuania and Latvia.

"It's the decisive event in the history of Europe after the Second World War," German Chancellor Helmut Kohl told a closing news conference, noting that, post-enlargement, Germany would be surrounded by its EU partners.

"The unification of Europe has taken an important step forward," added French President Jacques Chirac.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair appealed to Turkey to accept the summit's invitation to join a European Conference and said there was strong support "all

round the table" that Turkey would one day join the EU.

For Turkey, membership might still be decades away, said summit chairman, Luxembourg Prime Minister Jean-Claude Juncker on Friday. "It cannot be that a country where torture is still practiced has a place at the European Union table," Juncker declared.

To join the EU, candidates must meet strict conditions of democracy, human rights and economic openness. While the EU's eastern neighbors have moved away from communism to meet these requirements, the EU has grave doubts about the Turkish military's interference in politics and its dubious human rights record.

(News agencies)

EU leaders resolve currency squabble

LUXEMBOURG (AP) - The European Union ended months of squabbling with an agreement on who should have a say in economic policy involving the new single currency that comes into effect a year from now.

After five hours of difficult discussion on the opening day of their two-day EU summit in this minuscule European duchy, the presidents and prime ministers struck a deal Friday that requires a lot of good faith all around. It also dealt British Prime Minister Tony Blair his first euro-setback.

"In simplifying the question we

arrived at a simple solution," said French Finance Minister Dominique Strauss-Kahn.

At issue were plans to create a new council to coordinate monetary policy among countries who sign up for the single currency. The 11 probable "ins" thought only they should be on the council and make decisions. The four "outs" differed strongly.

Britain, Sweden, Denmark plan to opt out of the single currency when it is launched Jan. 1, 1999, and Greece is not expected to meet the economic criteria for membership. But these countries did not

want to be shut out of monetary policy making, which they felt would drive a wedge in the union.

The four argued that many of the decisions involving the euro have a wider impact and consequently the "outs" should have a say, even though they are not actually participating in the European Monetary Union.

The 11 agreed in principle, but the central question was the right of the "ins" to decide when the "outs" should be present and whether the "outs" had a right to be present or should be involved only on invitation.

Shelter sought for refugees of latest Rwanda massacre

By BRENNAN LINSLEY

GISENYI, Rwanda (AP) - The UN refugee agency tried to find new shelter for the remaining Tutsi refugees at a camp where Hutu rebels killed at least 234 people.

UN aid workers and government soldiers were still counting bodies at Mudende camp in northwestern Rwanda, a day after the attackers set fire to 200 huts and used machetes, hand grenades and guns against the refugees.

The death of three wounded Friday brought the death toll to 234; it could still rise, said Paula Ghedini, spokeswoman for the UN refugee agency.

Another 227 wounded were hospitalized in Gisenyi, about 100 kilometers northwest of Kigali. Most were in serious condition with severe head wounds caused

by machetes or nail-studded clubs, Ghedini said.

In Geneva, a spokeswoman for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees said the attack was the worst to date on a refugee camp in Rwanda.

UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan said in New York that he was "profoundly shocked" by the slaughter of "defenseless refugees, mostly women and children."

"It is most distressing that after almost four years, prospects for peace, stability and national reconciliation remain dim and that efforts to find lasting solutions in Rwanda and the region have not been successful," UN spokesman Juan-Carlos Brandt said.

A regional military official said Friday that the Hutu rebels who attacked the camp first hit a nearby jail, and Rwandan government troops killed an undetermined

number of inmates and attackers. But they were taken by surprise when the attackers moved on to the camp.

The attacks coincided with US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's one-day visit to the Rwandan capital, Kigali, where she talked with government leaders and praised their efforts at reconciliation between Hutus and minority Tutsis.

News of the attack came after she left.

Military spokesman Richard Sizebera said that President Clinton's roving ambassador for war crimes, David Scheffer, was expected in Gisenyi yesterday to survey the devastated camp.

"It seems some of the same people who perpetuated the genocide are committing these actions," Albright said while in neighboring Congo.

Astronauts to celebrate Hanukka aboard Mir

By MARCIA DUNN

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) - American astronaut David Wolf and his Russian crewmates aboard the Mir space station plan to celebrate the holidays in style - even if they can't toast with champagne.

Wolf, who is Jewish, received a menorah as a Hanukka gift from his sister. The menorah and gelt, holiday candy that looks like coins, were delivered by a Russian supply ship in October.

"We'll celebrate in the traditional way," Wolf said Friday.

"We'll enjoy the light show on the Earth instead of our own Christmas lights. Actually, our consoles here look a lot like Christmas lights a lot of the time."

Added commander Anatoly Solovoyov: "There is no, apparent-

ly, champagne here for us to celebrate the New Year, although there is, of course, the desire."

Alcohol is banned from US-based ships, but the Russians are more lenient. There have even been confirmed reports in the past about vodka on board Mir.

More than anything, Wolf said he craves "those sweet potatoes with the marshmallows on top that my mom makes." He said he'd also like a good pizza.

The 41-year-old doctor and engineer assured reporters that he feels extremely good after nearly three months in space - better than he would on Earth, in fact.

"It's getting better and better although I miss home more and more," he said.

Wolf said he feels safe aboard Mir and noted that the station has been running well since his arrival in late September.

That's allowed him to devote most of his time to science work, in particular an experiment to grow three-dimensional kidney and nerve tissue.

Earlier in the year, there were problems galore aboard Mir including a fire in February, a cargo-ship collision in June, computer breakdowns, cooling-system leaks and oxygen-generator malfunctions.

"You know how your car goes in cycles? A lot of things break, you fix a lot of things and it runs real great for a while. I think we're probably seeing a cycle like that," Wolf said.

Wolf's replacement, NASA astronaut Andrew Thomas, is scheduled to arrive on Mir in late January aboard space shuttle Endeavour. He will be the last American to live on the Russian station.



Massacre remembered
Nationalist Chinese army veterans in Taipei shout as they set on fire a dummy coffin containing an effigy of Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto yesterday, marking 60 years since Japanese soldiers massacred tens of thousands of Chinese in the city of Nanjing. (AP)

Amazon rain forest shrinking faster than believed

By MICHAEL ASTOR

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) - No one disputes that the Amazon rain forest is shrinking, but just how fast it's disappearing is a mystery - and a political hot potato in Brazil.

A new report by a congressional committee investigating foreign logging companies says the Amazon is vanishing at a rate of 52,000 square kilometers a year. That's more than three times the

rate of 1994, the last year for which official figures are available.

About 12 percent of the 5.2 million square kilometer wilderness is already gone. Scientists say the loss - mainly from wildfires and logging - adds to the greenhouse effect that is believed to cause global warming.

"If nothing is done, the entire Amazon will be gone within 50 years," said the 110-page report's author, Rep. Gilney Vianna of the leftist Worker's Party in the

Amazon state of Mato Grosso.

Although the numbers are only estimates, it's hard for the government to refute them without figures of its own. And that's another problem, because the official numbers have been under wraps for nearly three years.

The government had promised to release its figures December 1.

They were withheld after Eduardo Martins, president of Brazil's Environmental Protection Agency, asked for more data on the average size of deforested areas and the types of vegetation affected.

dos Campos, 300 km. southwest of Rio, 120 analysts have spent the last five months toiling over photos from NASA's Landsat-TM satellite showing deforestation from 1995 to 1997.

In 1994, 80% of Amazon deforestation was revealed in 38 of the 229 satellite images that cover the Brazilian Amazon.

This year, the number of images that captured the same percentage of deforestation climbed to 47, said UF Walter Palm, the project's technical director.

The increase means the area of destruction has expanded since then by 317,389 square km. - an area roughly the size of Italy.

The government relies solely on satellite images in compiling its figures. Vianna's report, released Wednesday, arrives at substantially higher figures by including estimates on the cutting of lots smaller than the 64-drum minimum measurable by the satellite photos.

"I think Vianna's figure should be pretty accurate, because he has taken into consideration other forms of deforestation that don't show up in the satellite photos," said Gustavo Fonseca, president of Conservacao Internacional Brazil.

Vianna has called for a 10-year moratorium on cutting and burning in the Amazon.

"We need the moratorium because the government has no coherent policy in the Amazon," he said. "Seventy percent of the burnings are authorized by the government and so is the vast majority of the deforestation."

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Fire disrupts flights from Heathrow

LONDON (Reuters) - Some flights from London's Heathrow airport were still delayed yesterday following a fire that broke out in the early hours of Friday morning, airport officials said.

The main problems were due to airplanes being in the wrong place because their flights had been canceled after the fire.

"The airport is operating to timetable, we have a near normal pattern of flights," a spokeswoman said. "If there are any delays, it's because a few aircraft are in the wrong place having had to stay on the ground yesterday."

She said the volume of passenger traffic was heavier than usual for a Saturday because of the number of people whose flights were delayed from Friday.

The fire, which broke out in a burger bar, caused the cancellation of 307 flights, two-thirds of them British Airways services. The terminal had been due to handle 600 flights on Friday, carrying some 70,000 passengers.

The fire damage is expected to cost thousands of pounds to repair, although safety experts said further destruction had been averted by a special fireproof membrane in the terminal roof which curbed the spread of the blaze.

סקנא מן הארץ

Robert Downey Jr. goes to jail

By AMY WALLACE and ROBERT B. WELKOS

In *Hugo Pool*, one of the five films featuring Robert Downey Jr. scheduled to premiere soon in the US, the boyish actor plays a film director who has committed murder.

"Why aren't you in jail?" Downey's character is asked. "I was for a little while, but now I'm out on bail," he responds. "Thank God it's Los Angeles."

Lately, that line could have been Downey's motto. In and out of courtrooms since a drug conviction last year, Downey nevertheless had avoided extended jail time. And the 32-year-old actor had never been in demand.

But real-life Los Angeles proved far tougher than the celluloid version last week when a judge ordered the one-time Academy Award nominee to serve six months in jail for violating his probation. In Hollywood, where actors' vulnerabilities are often accepted as fuel for their creativity, there was sympathy for Downey.

But some also wondered: Why did no one step in earlier?

The way Hollywood helped Downey in recent months was to give him what most actors yearn for: high-profile work. And while the acting jobs — in Robert Altman's *The Gingerbread Man*; Neil Jordan's *In Dreams*; James Toback's *Two Girls and a Guy*; Stuart Baird's *US Marshals*; *Hugo Pool*, directed by his father, Robert Downey; and Mike Figgis's *One Night Stand* — certainly kept the pressure on the star, sources said they also kept him drug-free. "When he's working, he's clean," said one source. "It's when he's not working that there's trouble."

By all accounts, Downey was professional and hard-working on the set. "Robert was great on the set and is a wonderful talent, extraordinary really," said Jordan, whose 12th film, *In Dreams* starring Annette Bening and Downey, was completed on December 3. Figgis said he chose Downey for *One Night Stand* because he admired his work. "I also felt he needs to be

involved with depth and he needs to push himself as an actor."

The timing of Downey's jail sentence, which could be reduced for good behavior, creates an unusual situation for the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. Though *One Night Stand* did not garner great reviews, Downey's performance did, raising the possibility that he could be nominated for an Oscar while behind bars.

The Academy has faced such dilemmas in the past. In 1981, Roman Polanski was nominated for best director for *Tess* while he was living in exile in France, unable to return to the US because he had been convicted of a sex offense with a minor in Los Angeles. And in 1945 Barry Fitzgerald, who won best supporting actor for *Going My Way*, was found not guilty in the manslaughter death of an elderly woman he had hit with his car. He was acquitted a month later.

In the meantime, New Line said it will include Downey in its Oscar marketing campaign for *One Night Stand*.

In a recent *Playboy* interview, Downey discussed the ease with which he could do drugs and get back to the set of *Home for the Holidays*, a 1995 film directed by actress Jodie Foster. Downey said Foster didn't let him off the hook just because he was doing good takes. "God bless Jodie Foster," he said. "She said, 'I'm not worried about you on this film. You're not losing it and you're giving a great performance. I'm worried about you thinking you can get away with doing this on another film.'"

Joan Hyler, a veteran talent manager who has known Downey for years, said the public perception that Hollywood coddles its troubled stars is not always accurate. "I think there is no way Hollywood is lenient," Hyler said. "We are in an age now where the scrutiny [of celebrities] is much more severe and it does have an effect. There is a lot of scrutiny going on these days when there are major studios and lots of money at stake. Nobody wants to be on a far location with an \$85 million movie and run into problems."

Hyler noted that among actors, Downey is recognized as a special talent to be measured. "The kind of gift he has is unusual," she said. "That's why there is sympathy after their sadness."

(Los Angeles Times)



Robert Downey Jr., here seen in the film *Only You*, has an 'unusual gift.'

A diva returns to Russia

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Seven years after immigrating to Israel from the Soviet Union, Larisa Tetuev returned to her homeland in what was a most successful yet rather tumultuous affair.

She came to Israel after completing her studies as a pianist and choral conductor. Here she embarked on a new career, that of singer, discovering her warm, lyric, caressing soprano which in about six years opened up incredibly and, at the same time, opened many doors for her throughout the world. It was the soprano Tetuev who went to Moscow, a city she never lived in yet knew very well, to participate in a master class last month.

The master classes, organized by renowned Russian soprano Ljuba Kasarnovskaya, were given by legendary Italian soprano Renata Scotti. Ten singers participated in the 10-day master class. Every day they worked on the stage of the Helicon opera house in Moscow before a large paying audience, with lots of media coverage.

Tetuev has nothing but praise for Scotti. "She is a real diva and she is charming. She works hard and whatever you learn from her remains forever. I worked with her on Mimi in *La Boheme*. Immediately after that I sang it in auditions, and I was singing the role much better. Scotti is really a wonderful, warm woman who gives you a lot. You only need to know how to take it."

Scotti did not work with the singers on technical issues. She said that those who want to learn technique should go to her school in Italy, as it is a lengthier process. In the master class she worked on style and interpretation.

Of the 10 singers who participated in the master class, half were Israeli citizens but all were born in the former Soviet Union. How did the Russians treat the former-Russian-now-Israeli singers? Says Tetuev, "I felt some kind of detachment and alienation in the air and believe me, I was very proud to be an Israeli. Every day at the end of the master class I was approached by Russians asking me where I was from and which local school I was studying at. I was honored and privileged to say I was Israeli. There is a huge cultural wealth in Moscow, but life there is very difficult. People are starving, many are sleeping in the streets, and there is a lot of confusion in the air. This visit was proof that I did the right thing immigrating to Israel."

To emphasize the feeling, Tetuev's 10-year-old son, Anton (Asher), who shared this Moscow experience with her, said after two days that he missed his home, that he wanted to return to Israel. "At that moment I knew where I really belonged and I was very happy," she says.

"A soprano's life is not an easy one, especially not at the early stages of your career when you try to do as many concerts and auditions as possible. But tough and demanding as life is, it is usually very rewarding," she says.

During her 10 days in Moscow, Tetuev had to make two quick trips. First she went to London for a day to appear in a benefit concert, then she went to Prague, where she auditioned at the local National Opera. The result was the title role in Dvorak's captivating opera *Rusalka*. "They had been looking for a long time for a singer whose looks and voice would suit the role," she explains. "When they offered me the part, I could hardly believe it. It's a role I have dreamt about. It suits me perfectly. In May I start rehearsals. I just have to sign the contract," she says.

In the meantime, Tetuev has lots of work on home ground. She was called in to replace a colleague in the Israel Simfonietta Beersheba series in which she will sing Mozart arias. On January 1 she will sing the Dvorak *Stabat Mater* with the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra-IBA within the Liturgica festival, and later in the year she will sing Tatjana in *Eugene Onegin* and excerpts from Mozart's *Don Giovanni* with the Simfonietta.

A busy season for a young, talented and beautiful soprano on the way to becoming an international opera star.

Larisa Tetuev sings Mozart arias (the Countess, Zerlina, Fiordiligi and Ilya) with the Israel Simfonietta Beersheba tomorrow, Tuesday and Thursday in Beersheba, Wednesday in Ashkelon, and Saturday at the Tel Aviv Museum.

90 days for Christian Slater

Actor Christian Slater agreed to a 90-day jail term for beating his girlfriend during a drug and alcohol bender, then fighting police said his lawyer, Michael Nasatir.

Slater was not in court on Tuesday, but Nasatir entered no contest pleas on his behalf to battery on a dating partner, battery on a peace officer, and being under the influence of a controlled substance.

His plea came one day after actor Robert Downey Jr. was ordered to spend six months in jail for violating parole on a drug conviction.

Slater's term is to be followed by three months in a residential drug treatment program. He must begin his sentence before January 10 and enroll in a year-long batterers treatment program.

The 28-year-old star of the movies *Broken Arrow* and

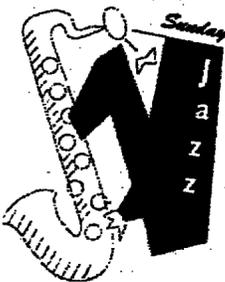
Interview with a Vampire was arrested August 11 after officers were called to a brawl at the posh Wilshire Boulevard condominiums. Police heard screaming and found Slater in a stairwell "swinging his arms and yelling incoherently."

Slater threw one officer against a wall and tried to grab his gun. He later told police he had been taking heroin, cocaine and had been drinking "for a couple days and had only a couple hours of sleep." Police said Slater wound up in the hallway after fighting at a party with a man who tried to stop Slater from punching his own girlfriend.

Nasatir asked that Slater be given jail credit for 118 days he spent in a drug rehabilitation program. The court said it would issue a ruling later, but prosecutors opposed the request.

(AP)

Getz gets down



By Norm Guthartz

The gentle beauty of the landmark bossa nova-jazz album, *Getz/Gilberto*, is undeniable. Bossa encores with a soft seductiveness; it was the sound that meant sophistication in the Sixties.

Listening again to this 34-year-old recording, you will be struck by its timelessness. That kind of greatness is no small feat, especially for a jazz album that infiltrated and shot to the top of the pop charts.

GETZ/GILBERTO
Stan Getz, Joao Gilberto
(Bellclass)

JAZZ SAMBA
Stan Getz and Charlie Byrd
(Bellclass)

THE COMPOSER OF DESAFINADO, PLAYS
Antonio Carlos Jobim
(Bellclass)

Even on the big hit "The Girl from Ipanema," there is magic. It inches up hypnotically on the listener, first with Gilberto's steady guitar, then his nasal, existentialist vocal, then drums and the simple piano work of Antonio Carlos Jobim, who composed all the songs on the album.

Then Gilberto's wife, Astrud, joins in with the English lyrics. Her voice is ordinary, innocent and hesitant, but Getz felt it was good enough for the recording. In fact, those qualities are what helped make this version of the song so popular.

As far as tenor-man Getz goes, it's difficult to think of a session when he played more lyrically. Whether he is blending in with the surface calm the Brazilian musicians project or providing emotional counterpoint, he is always assuredly himself.

BEFORE Getz teamed up with Gilberto, he was turned on to the samba by guitarist Charlie Byrd. These gringos attempted to adapt it to jazz, and they approached it with their cultural baggage in ready evidence. For example, the blues keep popping up, even on Byrd's acoustic work. He replicates the softer time-keeping and chord changes of Brazil but grabs some solid solo time, too. In fact, *Jazz Samba* bears a hard, post-bop edge. Also, the range of sensations is wider here than on the Gilberto collaboration, which is characterized by Jobim's trademark bittersweet eloquence. Two Jobim numbers are included by Getz and Byrd: the opening track "Desafinado" and "Samba de Uma Nota So," which get fairly upbeat treatment, propelled by extended improvisations by Getz, Byrd and bassist Keter Betts. The other tracks include a mysteriously seductive "Bahia," the whimsical "O Pato," and Byrd's jocular "Samba Dees Days."

All the playing is exciting, whether on solos — the solid backing provided by Betts and drummer Buddy Deppenschmidt and Bill Reichenbach — or in the complicated interplay between Getz and Byrd. For those who prefer a meatier sound with the emphasis on instrumental prowess, this is the boss bossa nova album.

JOBIM was, with Joao Gilberto, the creator of bossa nova, which combined the wild street dance music of the samba with the cool exterior of West Coast jazz. It's hard to imagine a more unlikely hybrid, but it's one that grabbed the imagination of the public and performers. Moreover, Jobim distinguished himself as a songwriter of the highest quality, penning several pieces that have long been part of the standard jazz repertoire. *The Composer of Desafinado, Plays*, which is heavy on strings, shows that Jobim's main connection was not to jazz but to popular music.

There are hints here that Jobim is as deft a pianist as he is a composer. He engages in a deceptive, yet simple, single-note style that does a slowly twirling dance with the warmly resonant flute of Leo Wright. But even on "Aguas de Marcha" and "O Morro Nao Tem Beber" and "O Morro Nao Tem Vez," the two tracks from which we are mercifully spared the string sweetener, the tracks fade just as the instrumentals start heating up.

Israel's answer to Marianne Faithfull

Sabra Sounds



By Emily Hauser

Corinne Allal is sort of an Israeli Marianne Faithfull. Not blessed with a classically beautiful voice, her singing is nonetheless deeply expressive, carrying both strength and vulnerability in its raspy, almost masculine tones. Her work is often punctuated by a painful sense of irony, her rocker sensibilities deepened by Francophile and Levantine influences.

Ha'osef is a very good representation of Allal at her best, including such favorites as "Eretz Ketana Im Safam" ("A Little Country with A Mustache") and "Antarctica." The inclusion of "K'shezeh Amok" ("When It's Deep"), the song Allal wrote with friend and protégé Igal Perlmutter, took on a tragic air when Perlmutter died in a terrible accident soon after the album's release.

Despite the fact that she rarely contributes to the lyrics of her songs, Allal's voice has long been identified with social commentary and protest. "We're a rare breed," she sings in "Zan Nadir" ("Rare Breed"). "An odd duck / Airborne dreams / Head in the sand."

Conjuring images of Ronald Reagan's misguided appropriation of Bruce Springsteen's angry "Born in the USA," this country's "Born in the USA," "Ein Li Eretz Aheret" ("I Have No Other Country") at one point, not noticing that she was singing "I won't be silent / Because my country has changed. / I won't let it go / I will remind her / And sing in her ears / Until she opens her eyes" in response to the intifada.

HA'OSEF
("The Collector")
Corinne Allal
NMC
★★★

AHAVA YISRAELIT
BIL MILIM
("Israeli Love Without Words")
Jaroslav Jakubovic
Red Artzi
★

"Ein Li Eretz Aheret" came close to being the disc's last song, but the palpably happier "Shir Le'Shira" ("A Song for Shira") got that honor. I suspect the reason was simply a desire to end on a positive note, but it's a pity. Allal's grieving treatment of "Ein Li Eretz Aheret" would have made for a powerful conclusion.

SAXOPHONIST Jaroslav Jakubovic is a familiar figure on the Israeli pop scene. The big man with curly hair and glasses can be seen in the background of the video clips and live performances of many big-name local singers, such as Shalom Hanoch and Chava Alberstein. He has also performed with such international stars as Paul Simon and Michael Jackson. Jakubovic is an unquestionably talented man; his resume alone proves it.

Yet on "Ahava Yisraelit Bli Milim" Jakubovic applies his talent to the dubious task of recording instrumental versions of well-known love songs: Rami Kleinstein's "Tapuhim Utmarim" ("Apples and Dates"), Aviv Gefen's "Ha'im Lihiyot Bach Me'uhav" ("Should I Be in Love with You") and so on. But rather than take these chestnuts and give them a new turn, Jakubovic has chosen to do utterly straight renditions of the originals, substituting his saxophone for the vocals. In short, this is muzak.

I know that there are plenty of people who like muzak; I am not among them. But even taking that into consideration, this album is particularly disappointing, in that it shows a complete lack of innovation.

Furthermore, whatever emotion expressed by the singers of these tunes has been completely removed by Jakubovic's playing, which, while technically fine, is oddly without feeling. Why should I listen to "Ahava Yisraelit Bli Milim" when I can spin the real thing and get the thrill of passion to boot? Jakubovic's rendition of Zohar Argov's timeless, heart-wrenching "Perah Begani" ("Flower in My Garden") is particularly painful, almost reducing the Oriental-pop classic to an Ashkenazi wedding tune.

The producers of this disc supplied an English-language text for the liner notes, no doubt hoping to make sales among tourists and immigrants. I am at a loss to explain the hopeless condition of the text, characterized as it is by sentences like "Born in the Czech Republic [sic]," and crediting Jakubovic with playing with international perform-



Corinne Allal's voice evokes both strength and vulnerability.

ers such as "Towny Bennet, The Manh'atan Transfer and many others [sic]." There is no excuse in a country this rife with native English speakers for the domestic recording industry to allow such embarrassments to appear.

DID YOU KNOW?

Q: Who is the "Shira" in the song "Shir Le'Shira"?

A: Yonatan Gefen's now-grown actress daughter, for whom he wrote the lyrics when she was young.

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#4	8	2	BARBRA STREISAND
#5	7	19	HIGHER GROUND
#6	NEWM	1	EVYATAR BANAI
#7	9	15	CIRCLES OF LIFE
#8	16	3	BACKSTREET BOYS
#9	4	6	RELOAD
#10	3	3	METALLICA
#11	14	3	SPICE GIRLS
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Turkey fails to shape up

The European Union summit this weekend was rattled by a snarling session with the Turks. Ankara was miffed at again being left off a list of 11 countries that will be invited to join — including Turkish-occupied Cyprus and some of the former Soviet satellite states.

It was childishly pointless for Turkish Prime Minister Musut Yilmaz to withdraw from dinner with the EU leaders last night because they refused to promise his country eventual membership — and just as pointless to threaten the union with a break in relations, as his foreign minister did. Turkey's accusation that the EU is a "Christian club" is nonsensical — religion has never been regarded as a factor in determining membership. The accusation highlights not EU bias, but Turkish petulance.

If Albania or Turkey or Bosnia meet the required democratic and economic benchmarks, they will be just as welcome as any nominally Protestant or Catholic nation. So far, they haven't. It is true that Turkey is generally admired as the only successful secular democratic Moslem state in the Middle East, but that is a long way from saying it is a fit candidate for European Union membership.

The EU has plenty of problems and plenty of critics, but it has had astounding successes in its long post-war march from a small coal and steel community to today's mighty club of 15 democracies. Perhaps its greatest achievement has been in banishing tyranny from Europe. Joining the

wealthy community became such an attractive proposition that it was in the main responsible for ending dictatorships in Greece, Spain, and Portugal. It has set the economic and democratic standards so high that aspiring members must abide by them or remain outside.

There are several reasons why Turkey does not qualify as a European, apart from economics. In no country in the EU, or among the aspiring members, are citizens tortured. In Turkey they are. No EU state has 30,000 occupation troops in a neighboring country, propping up a puppet government. In Cyprus, Turkey does. Turkey's treatment of its Kurdish minority is beneath contempt. For years it denied that Kurds, their language, and culture even existed — it was forbidden to call them anything but "mountain Turks."

The EU's first duty is to demand that Turkey meet a whole series of criteria for respecting human rights, for ending the division of Cyprus and its endless bickering with Greece, and for giving its own 20 million Kurdish citizens full and equal rights. There is no point in Ankara complaining and insulting the Europeans. Turkey has been a basically stable country for decades and a good ally of the West. What is astonishing therefore is how unprepared it has been, in the 10 years since it first applied for EU membership, to take those last few steps to becoming a truly Europeanized democratic state. Until it does, the EU is within its rights to keep the door closed.

Hot air dissipates

The 10-day Kyoto climate conference was billed as the most important event in the history of planet earth. Its generation of hot air certainly must merit the record books. When measured against the amount of talking done, the final results seem thin indeed. Needless to say, the world leaders from the 150 states attending were quick to applaud themselves for deciding to limit emissions of the "greenhouse gases" produced by fossil fuels and held responsible for global warming and climate change. Under the Kyoto Protocol, the United States and Japan must reduce greenhouse gases to 7 percent below what they were in 1990. Europe is to make cuts of 8 percent below 1990 levels. The reductions are to be achieved between 2008 and 2012.

This was an agreement drafted at the last minute out of fear of failure, not out of a newly awakened zeal to clean up the planet's atmosphere. The powerful industrialists who will have to do the cleaning are already warning that achieving Kyoto's goals will be technologically difficult and costly. It's exactly what they said

in the 1970s when public pressure to clean up the whole environment began to rouse even laggardly politicians. Yet extensive legislation was passed and enforced, and the industrialists still ended up richer than ever.

Parliaments in the countries signing the Kyoto agreement must ratify it before it has any chance of becoming effective. In the really important ones, like the United States and Japan, opposition from powerful industry lobbies is mounting. The European Union, at the forefront of the battle for tighter emission controls, put a brave face on Kyoto's limited success, but will look more than a little silly if the US Congress sinks the agreement.

Needless to say the "greens" of the world were less than amused by the Kyoto marathon. The British Greenpeace organization called it "a tragedy and a farce." That's probably too pessimistic — although at present the agreement is no more than a few sheets of paper in state filing cabinets. If it can be translated into action, the ultimate tragedy and farce of a ruined planet just might be avoided.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RABBINICAL SILENCE

Sir, — There are differences of opinion on politics among rabbis in Israel, no less than among the general population. Some (perhaps most) lean to the Right. Others tend toward the Left. The same may be said of religious observance. Some hold to a strict interpretation of Halacha (Jewish law) while others interpret the law in a more open and progressive manner.

Yet, there is one area which I presume unites all rabbis. All rabbis hold to the principle of *pikuah nefesh* (the saving of lives take precedence over Jewish law). If there is one thing that embodies the highest value of Judaism — it is certainly the principle of saving lives. One may violate the observance of Shabbat and even Yom Kippur

where a life is at stake.

So, I wonder, where were the voices of the rabbis of Israel on International AIDS Day. We have thousands of Israelis who are HIV positive. We have many who have the AIDS symptoms. There are medications available that can prolong the lives of many of these people. Perhaps, some of these drugs can prolong some lives long enough that a cure, or at least a good treatment, for AIDS will be found. Making such drugs available, which are not in the "health basket" can be nothing less than *pikuah nefesh*.

RABBI ANDREW M. SACKS,
Director, Rabbinical Assembly of Israel
Jerusalem.

BOLSHEVIK TRADITIONS

Sir, — In our country it is not customary to prosecute union leaders for contempt of court. Therefore, the fiercely-mustachioed Histadrut boss proudly lead the labor federation under the banner "I am a ticking explosive bomb!" and ignored court injunctions ordering a return to work.

In other countries, such a matter would be treated as incitement, a criminal offense punishable by law.

In Israel it expresses the workers' rights, in the best of Bolshevik traditions.

DR. HERBERT COHN
Ashdod.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

65 years ago: On December 14, 1932, *The Palestine Post* reported at length the statement on the Palestine Government's policy made by the High Commissioner, Sir Arthur Wauchope. Addressing the Palestine Chamber of Commerce, the Commissioner announced the planned formation of a controversial Legislative Council. He promised, however, that changes could be made in the Local Government Bill and that the Government would decide whether the advantages of imposing an income tax outweighed the disadvantages. He had also announced that steps were taken to improve conditions at the Jaffa Port.

50 years ago: On December 14, 1947, *The Palestine Post* reported that in the worst spell of violence since the beginning of the November Arab general strike 49 persons were killed and scores injured in attacks and counterattacks during the previous two days. The casualties included 36

Arabs, 11 Jews, and two British soldiers.

Three Jews, two of them employees of BOAC, were shot and burned to death together with the truck in which they had been riding on their way to Jerusalem, in what was described as a "horrible outrage."

Thirteen Arabs were killed by an Irgun Zvai Leumi attack on Tureh which was reported to have been chosen as a well-known center of criminal activity. A squad of six Hagana men penetrated the all-Arab town of Ramle and blew up a Shell Company pumping station, as well as two garages where about 15 vehicles were burned out.

Six Jews were killed and four were missing in two Arab attacks on Jewish settlements in the Negev.

Six Arabs were killed on the Tel Aviv-Jaffa border when IZL raiders rolled a barrel-bomb from a passing car. Seven more Arabs fell in a battle with steel-helmeted members of IZL in an attack on the Yehudieh village.

In Jerusalem stabbing, stoning and shooting continued unabated, while in the Old City British troops continued their searches and confiscated arms hid by Jewish defenders.

During a House of Commons debate on Palestine, Sidney Silverman pleaded for an official recognition of the Hagana. Winding up the debate, Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin reiterated that until May 15, 1948, Britain would retain the sole responsibility for Palestine law and order.

25 years ago: On December 14, 1972, *The Jerusalem Post* reported that speaking in Haifa, Defense Minister Moshe Dayan said that Israel must not leave anything to chance in any peace arrangement with the Arab states.

Ten more Arabs were arrested on suspicion of being members of the Jewish-Arab-Syrian espionage-sabotage ring. They brought to 46 the number of persons held in this connection.

Alexander Zvielli



Adams and Arafat

DAVID NEWMAN

Last week's meeting between British Prime Minister Tony Blair and head of the Sinn Fein organization, Gerry Adams, displays many similarities with the first meeting between prime minister Yitzhak Rabin and Palestinian Authority (then Palestinian Liberation Organization) Chairman, Yasser Arafat.

Both Gerry Adams and Yasser Arafat were leaders of terrorist organizations, responsible for the bombings of buses, town centers and the indiscriminate murder of innocent civilians. Both were sworn to removing what they saw as oppressive governments of occupation — the British in Northern Ireland and Israel in the West Bank and Gaza Strip — by any means available. And both were, for decades, outlawed not only by the British and Israeli governments, but by a great deal of the international community.

Until recently, neither of these men, nor their colleagues, were allowed to enter the United States, while in the case of Gerry Adams, his voice was not allowed to be heard on British television.

In both Israel and Britain, governments changed and new attempts were made to create a dialogue between bitter enemies, aimed at achieving conflict resolution and an end to violence. As hard as it was for the Israeli public to swallow the first meetings and handshakes between Rabin and Arafat, it is no easier for the majority of the British public to accept the notion of Gerry Adams visiting the British capital and being invited to No. 10 Downing Street. This goes even further than the treatment meted out to Arafat, who, with the exception of a condolence visit to the Rabin family, has not yet been made welcome inside Israel itself.

Not everybody has come out against such meetings. The pro-peace camp in Israel recognizes that for a just solution to be reached to the Israel-Palestinian problem, there is little choice but to hold direct talks with the ultimate Palestinian decision-maker. Without his agreement to Israeli

violence in Northern Ireland. THE comparison of the Israel-Palestine and the Britain-Northern Ireland situations does not stop there. Britain forcefully colonized Ireland some five hundred years ago, since when it has ruled parts of this island as part of the United Kingdom. The Irish rebellion against continued colonial rule eventually brought about the creation of the Irish Free State (now the Republic of Ireland) in 1921, leaving the six northern provinces and their Protestant loyalist majority as part of the United Kingdom, effectively partitioning Ireland into two separate political entities.

It is questionable as to whether Britain's conquest of Ireland hundreds of years ago is any more legal or moral than Israel's conquest of the West Bank in 1967, but like so many other cases of colonialism it happened in a pre-democracy, pre-media era, when the rule of law was set by the mighty and powerful, not by any international organization or human rights watchdog. The fact that one group has lived there longer than the other does not, of

itself, provide any greater moral right to continued residence, although it does make it much more difficult to propose an acceptable form of conflict resolution.

The latter part of the twentieth century has been a period of decolonization. National groups are no longer prepared to be ruled by outside powers. They are demanding, and in large part have been successful in obtaining, self-determination and national independence. While this is easier to comprehend in cases where the colonial power is ruling a distant colony (such as the British in Africa or India) it is much more difficult to relinquish territories which are located in one's own geographical backyard — such as the West Bank or Northern Ireland.

These territories are not perceived as colonies, but rather as a territorial extension of the mainland territory of the mother country. It is thus much harder for the majority population to come to terms with the idea that the indigenous residents of these territories aspire to their own national independence and sovereignty.

It is to be hoped however, that the dialogue between the British government and the Sinn Fein IRA, will not meet the sort of obstacles which the Irish-Palestinian peace process has run into. Once begun, the dialogue must continue. The Netanyahu administration may have succeeded in slowing the process down, but it is unable to turn the clock back as though the Rabin-Arafat meetings never took place. In Britain too, a new era of potential conflict resolution has dawned. No doubt, the road ahead will be bumpy and will experience many ups and downs. But Prime Minister Blair is to be applauded for his brave initiative aimed at bringing an end to violence and meaningless slaughter of innocents.

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Chill out

DAVID WEINBERG

so. We need to slow down the pace of society by creating more enforced leisure time. I suggest an attempt to tame the Israeli temperament by introducing civic, secular holidays like Thanksgiving, Washington or Golda's Birthday, Victoria or Ben-Gurion Day — one each month. Soon thereafter, Sunday's-off should be instituted, along with afternoon football, Walt Disney at 6 p.m., and an obligatory evening barbecue.

No news media would be allowed to publish or broadcast on this holy day of tranquility. The vegging-out or peace of mind would be therapeutic.

Love your neighbor by giving him space is in fact a Jewish value. The Jerusalem Talmud tells of worshippers coming to the Temple, who kept a distance from one another when bowing before God, so that one could not overhear another's pleadings before Heaven. Rashi teaches that the gentle prophet Bilam was referring to the fact that Israelite tents were arrayed such that none peered into the next — when Bilam exclaimed: "How goodly are your tents O Israel." And one of God's names is *makom* — space or place.

"It is not man who honors the *makom*; rather *makom* honors man, says the midrash *Mechilta*. Either way you interpret this aphorism, space means dignity.

As a people, we've got to stop breathing down each other's necks and chill out. Since tolerance doesn't grow on trees around here, it's time to give ourselves some space, and learn to wrap ourselves around relaxation, instead of confrontation.

PERHAPS we don't know how to relax or to step back from the great national skirmishing because, in this society, there's little time to do

False testimony

ALAN DERSHOWITZ

For three consecutive days, *The Boston Globe* featured front-page headlines exposing a pattern of police "testifying" in Boston. Several years ago, when I publicized the issue of testifying, police picked my office and called on Harvard to fire me. Now even the police commissioner acknowledges that "a handful" of police officers provide false testimony. But the problem is not limited to a few bad apples. It is a systemic problem that would not be possible without the complicity of prosecutors and judges.

The Mollen Commission, which studied the problem of testifying in New York, concluded that many otherwise decent police officers "commit falsification to serve what they perceive to be 'legitimate' law enforcement ends — and for ends that many honest and corrupt officers alike stubbornly defend as correct.

"In their view, regardless of the legality of the arrest, the defendant is in fact guilty and ought to be arrested. Officers reported a litany of manufactured tales.

"For example, when officers unlawfully stop and search a vehicle because they believe it contains drugs or guns, officers will falsely claim in police reports and under oath that the car ran a red light... and that they subsequently saw contraband in the car in plain view.

"To conceal an unlawful search of an individual who officers believe is carrying drugs or a gun, they will falsely assert that they saw a bulge in the person's pocket or saw drugs and money changing hands. To justify unlawfully entering an apartment where officers believe narcotics or cash can be found, they pretend to have information from an unidentified civilian informant. To arrest people they suspect are guilty of dealing drugs, they falsely assert that the defendants had drugs in their possession when, in fact, the drugs were found elsewhere, where the officers had no right to be." The

The problem of pervasive police perjury is rampant in every major city in America

evidence also showed that "commanding officers not only tolerated, but encouraged, this unlawful practice." The commission quoted the following testimony of a police officer: "Question: Now you just said there was a supervisor or a lieutenant who joked about (police falsification) in your presence?"

"Officer: That's correct, sir. Scenarios were, were you going to say (a) that you observed what appeared to be a drug transaction; (b) you observed a bulge in defendant's waistband; or (c) you were informed by a male black, unidentified at this time, that at the location there were drug sales.

"Question: So, in other words, what the lieutenant was telling you is: 'Here's your choice of false predicates for these arrests?'"

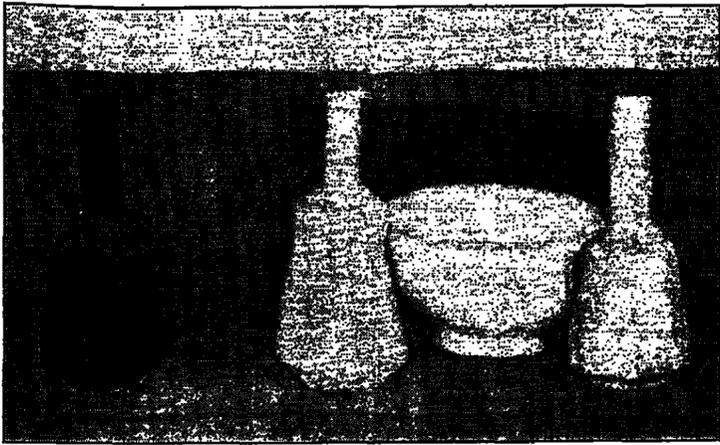
"Officer: That's correct. Pick which one you're going to use." A police witness for an earlier commission said that "cops are almost taught how to commit perjury when they are in the police academy," and that they are subtly encouraged to lie by some prosecutors.

THE problem of pervasive police perjury is rampant in every major city in America. Joseph McNamara — the former police chief of San Jose, Calif., and Kansas City, Mo., who had previously worked as a beat cop in New York for many years — recently said that he had "come to believe that hundreds of thousands of law enforcement officers commit felony perjury every year testifying about drug arrests." As McNamara explains, these testifiers are otherwise "law-abiding and dedicated" cops, not bribetakers or excessive-force users. "They don't feel lying under oath is wrong because politicians tell them they are engaged in a 'holy war' fighting evil. Then, too, the 'enemy' these mostly white cops are testifying against are poor blacks and Latinos." The former police commissioner of Boston and New York, William Bratton, agrees that "testifying is a serious problem. But he places the responsibility more at the feet of prosecutors than politicians: "When a prosecutor is really determined to win, the trial prep procedure may skirt along the edge of coercing or leading the police witness. In this way, some impressionable young cops learn to tailor their testimony to the requirements of the law."

The time has come for an objective, nationwide study of testifying. It should not be limited to the police — who are often scapegoated for a problem that is caused as much by prosecutors and judges who tolerate testifying as it is by the police who engage in it.

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Giorgio Morandi: Still Life, oils, 1954 which doubled its estimate to reach £243,500 at Sotheby's London.



The two loves of Jewish law student Edith Hahn, who helped her survive inside the Third Reich. Werner Vetter, (left) the Nazi party member who married her knowing she was Jewish and had false papers. Edith's true love was Dr. Joseph Rosenfeld (center) of Vienna, who helped her with food and shelter and who preserved all her letters and documents. (AP)

Survivor buys archive for Holocaust Museum

The letters and personal papers of prewar Viennese Jewish law student Edith Hahn, which document her survival inside Hitler's Third Reich and her wartime marriage to a Nazi party member, described in this column last week, sold for £100,500 at Sotheby's London sale of documents on December 5. Most of the wartime correspondence was between Dr. Hahn and her first love, Dr. Joseph Rosenfeld.

Hahn has lived in Israel for more than a decade. Her archive, offered for sale by her London-based daughter, more than tripled its best estimate. It was bought by an American businessman, Dalck Feith, and his colleague Drew Lewis, who plan to donate it for permanent display at the Holocaust Museum in Washington. As a boy, Feith was also hunted by the Nazis and managed to survive, but his parents, four sisters and three brothers were killed.

A SALE of Old Masters paintings at Sotheby's London last week broke an eight-year-old record for a single session in this field, reaching £28.6m. Top prices were achieved by two pairs of Venetian scenes by Canaletto, which attracted spirited phone bidding from around the world. The first pair topped its best estimate at £3.85m, while the second pair sold for over £5m. (Best estimate £4m.)

Individual auction records were also set by a Salomon van Ruysdael (£2.3m); David Teniers the Younger (£1.1m); Isaac van Ostade (£2.2m); and Pieter Breughel the Younger (£1.98m). A very handsome Van Dyck of Prince Charles Louis was sold below its lowest estimate at

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£771,500. Of the 95 paintings, only 17 failed to reach their reserve. In a jittery financial world, top quality canvases by established historical names appear increasingly gilt-edged.

THE NEW YORK sale by Sotheby's of American (not contemporary) paintings December 3 also achieved an auction record in this field with a total of \$43.65m. Bidding was energetic for John Singer Sargent's *In the Garden, Corfu*, which went up to \$8.3m. A similar sum was achieved by a group of five other Sargent oils. A Sante Fe gallery paid a record \$3.6m. for Georgia O'Keefe's major oil, *From the Plains*, three times its best estimate. Another record was set for Stuart Davis when his proto-Pop Art *Odol* reached \$2.44m, double its best estimate. Frederic Remington's bronze, *The Wicked Pony* achieved an expected \$2.7m, while Edward Hopper's first lighthouse oil just topped its best estimate at \$1.26m. A group of 21 naive drawings by the late one-time slave Bill Traylor went well over its estimate at \$777,700.

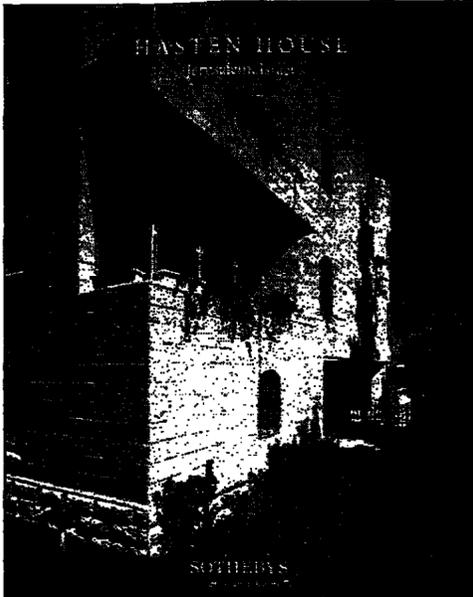
THE WORKING manuscript for two late clarinet sonatas, the most important Brahms manuscript ever to come on the market, was sold at Sotheby's in London this month for a world auction record of £441,500. It was bought by a London dealer. As reported earlier, the sonatas were written for the

greatest clarinetist of the day, Richard Mühlfeld, who worked on the manuscript with Brahms and suggested a number of the clearly marked revisions.

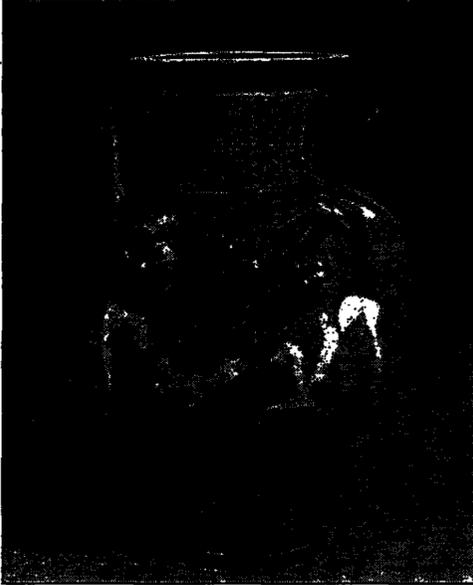
AN ISRAELI mansion is featured for the first time by Sotheby's International Realty and is the subject of a special color brochure. The Hasten House near Mount Herzl and the Jerusalem Forest, built in 1988 for an American banking family, has 16 fully air-conditioned rooms, four kitchens and nine bathrooms and is fully furnished. All doors and windows have electrically operated shutters. The first, second and third floors have gardens, and there is an elevator. An audio-visual monitor controls access to all doors. The local agent is Anglo-Saxon. Viewing and financial details are strictly by appointment.

THE FINEST privately-held group of works by the late Italian "metaphysical" painter Giorgio Morandi (1890-1964), all from the Jose Luiz and Beatriz Plaza Collection, was a sellout at Sotheby's London last Tuesday. The 27 small works sold for £6.73m, more than double their estimate. A still life of bread and fruit went for a record £793,500 (\$1.3m). The works were purchased by German, French, Japanese and American bidders.

A lifelong resident of Bologna, where he first studied and later taught, Morandi developed one of the most gentle but idiosyncratic signature styles in the history of 20th-century painting, particularly notable in his tabletop still life, in which he used the same family of objects over and over again but with-



View of the Hasten House, a luxurious 16-room multi-apartment family mansion in Jerusalem offered by Sotheby's International Realty, through Anglo-Saxon. Estimate on request.



An Attic Black-Figure Neck-Amphora circa 510-500 BCE, to be sold at Christie's New York sale of antiquities this Thursday (\$50,000-\$70,000)

out ever appearing to repeat himself. Each oil was a rediscovery of space and light rendered in his own ever-varied brand of chalky color.

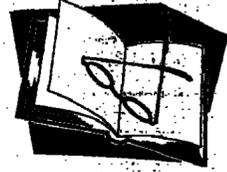
The Plazas, from Venezuela, began purchasing works directly from Morandi's studio in 1949. The works in their collection date from the early '40s to the near-abstract still life and include a number of Morandi's through-the-window landscapes and several flower pieces. This was the last occasion on which they could be viewed together.

A PICASSO oil of a man and woman reproduced in this column last week sold for close to its top estimate of £1.5m. at Sotheby's London a week ago. A tree in autumn by Gustav Klimt passed its low estimate at £3.3m, while a Matisse still life was let go below its estimate at £2.75m, nowhere near a

hoped-for £4m. All the above went to private collectors while, as we predicted, a German dealer paid £683,500, well above its best estimate, for a magnificent Jawlensky portrait, also reproduced in this column together with a Blanc Reiter oil by Heinrich Campendonk, which sold well at £441,500, again to a German dealer. An early Kandinsky landscape passed its best estimate at an unexpected £529,500, paid by a private collector. At the first evening of this sale of impressionist, German and Austrian art, only 16 of the 24 lots sold, but their sale totaled over £14m.

Top slang dudes give us the low-down

Book Review



We all sling slang. It keeps the tongue loose. With slang, language has flair, spice, humor, sass, personality. Without slang, language is a long talk with Prince Charles.

Could we communicate sans slang? Sure. But would we want to?

Check this out: You can observe sudden turmoil, or you can watch "it hit the fan." You can be extremely stylish, or you can be "mackadocious." You can ask for a cigarette, or you can bum a "lung-duster." And if you

a place you would look."

WHAT SETS Lighter's work apart from the numerous other slang dictionaries published over the years is that it is the first to employ a comprehensive historical approach.

While any slang dictionary can tell you "holy roller" is a disparaging term for a member of a Pentecostal church, Lighter traces the word from its first recorded use in 1841 when it was applied to a religious sect called Sweezites who were noted for rolling about on the floor.

Or take the 13 pages of citations devoted to the "f-word" in Volume I, the most extensive entry so far.

By following words as they evolve, Lighter is able to provide us with context, as well as insights into our history and culture. This, coupled with the actual slang itself, is what makes the *Historical Dictionary of American Slang* as entertaining as it is informative.

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are so inclined: You can hang, hang out, hang tight, hang loose, hang tough, hang up, let it all hang out or hang one on - in which case, a little hair of the dog may be in order.

"Slang," according to semanticist S.I. Hayakawa, "is the poetry of everyday life." But because slang is low-brow, it was pretty much ignored by the linguistic high mucky-doodles until the publication in 1994 of *The Random House Historical Dictionary of American Slang, Volume I*. Written by J.E. Lighter, an English professor at the University of Tennessee, and edited by Jesse Sheidlower, a senior editor at Random House, the dictionary documented virtually every legitimate American slang word from A to G.

Volume II (H to O) was released earlier this fall, with the third and final volume due out in 2000.

Lighter started collecting slang as a hobby more than a quarter-century ago. Eventually, he began scrupulously documenting the history of tens of thousands of words.

Although language is his life, Lighter does not speak to the media. That task is left to Sheidlower, who shares Lighter's obsession for slang and is willing to explain how they researched the book.

"You try to read anything that has the likelihood of containing slang," Sheidlower says. "You look in dictionaries, glossaries of slang, counterculture novels, military books..."

"You also watch television, movies, jot down things you've heard on the street. Basically, you try and look in places that will give you slang. A Henry James novel, for example, is not

"Studying language historically not only answers questions such as what words were used in which era," says Sheidlower, "but also addresses deeper social issues, such as when Black English began to have an impact on the language, or how inducting millions of Americans into the military during the 20th century affected the way we speak."

BUT JUST what is slang? "Our view is that you have Standard English and Informal English," says Sheidlower, and slang is a subset of informal English.

"But it is hard to define. Our working definition is that it is nonstandard, nontechnical English composed chiefly of novel sounding synonyms for standard expressions.

"For something to be slang, it has to sound slangy. It has to be historical punch."

But so does a "John Wayne" - "Someone who approaches a situation with great force and little deliberation."

What slang is not, however, is jargon, which is the language of a particular group, or dialect, which is regional.

Another characteristic of slang is that it is fluid, with new words being added all the time.

"Any dictionary is obsolete as soon as it is published," Sheidlower says. "We are always behind the times. I already have a foot-thick pile of index cards of words we may use in the addendum."

Sheidlower's favorite word from the current volume? "Millihelen," he says. "The amount of female beauty needed to launch one ship."

(The Hartford Courant)

The tip of the Antarctic iceberg

Earthly Concerns



By D'VORA BEN SHAUL

Researchers are a peculiar breed. They are interested in one thing and one thing only - the subject of their research. This was certainly the case of Bill De la Mere, a researcher from Hobart who was part of the Australian Antarctic Division of studies. But then something happened.

De La Mere was studying the whale catches around the edges of the ice-shelf of Antarctica. He was amazed because the place where he sat, just off the ice pack of Antarctica, was close to 65 degrees south, but he was reading a catch and a position that recorded the whalers in 1920 at the edge of the ice pack at 61 degrees south. He didn't know what to make of it.

After speaking to others in his section, he studied some 4,000 records of whalers from 1920 to 1996 who had all recorded their exact location and the edge of the ice-pack.



When he finished, De la Mere reached the conclusion that between 1920 and 1995, the Antarctic ice pack had shrunk by at least 5.65 million square kilometers. This loss represents at least 25 percent of the ice pack. That meant that this vast depletion had happened when no one was even looking. But this is understandable.

The ice pack around Antarctica is a wilderness - no special landmarks, no notations. Unless you plot the edges, you have no idea if

is dimensions are changing. And the fact was that, assuming that an ice pack is always an ice pack, no one ever thought to check its size.

But the researchers were preoccupied by another factor. By taking the positions of whaling ships and the location they reported, they found that the greatest dwindling of the ice-pack occurred between 1931 and 1957 and again between 1972 and 1987. The problem is that these changes do not correspond with anything we

now know about the depletion of the ozone layer or the effects of global warming. The scientists are now examining other possibilities.

Is this a natural phenomenon, somewhat like the advance or retreat of the Ice Ages? Is this an advance marine warning of other climatic changes? What is really happening here?

One thing is certain. About one quarter of the ice pack of Antarctica has disappeared. What that means remains to be seen.

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Beautiful bagels from your bread machine

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

The Japanese have driven the world mad with their invention of the Tamaguchi – the insidious electronic pet that beeps until it's fed, cleaned and amused by having its buttons pushed. But another Japanese invention – the bread machine – is not only practical but it beeps only when the loaf is ready.

Hong Kong and Korea have taken up the idea and are now manufacturing the bread machines *en masse*. The machines can now be bought here, and thousands of them have been sold in recent months. The sole importer is LDAM Trade Bread Makers Ltd., located at Moshav Tzofit in the Sharon region.

Until quite recently, many Israelis would have laughed at the suggestion of making their own bread. Standard bread was highly subsidized by the government, making it so cheap that it was used to feed livestock. Since then, state subsidies for most basic foods

have ended, leading bakeries to offer a cornucopia of specialized breads at premium prices.

If you love bread but don't want to pay high prices, or want to avoid the preservatives and other chemicals that commercial bakeries may use, you might want to consider buying a bread machine. Since we bought ours, we still have to go to the grocery for bread, but less often, and there is the bonus of the heady smell of yeast dough pervading the kitchen and the satisfaction of making something from scratch.

Married to a native Israeli who was raised on yeast-dough bread and cakes, but born in the US where baking a no-fuss torte is nearly enough reason to be named Mother of the Year, I hated the mess of mixing, kneading, waiting for the dough to rise, punching it down and again waiting for it to double its size and – worst of all – cleaning up the kitchen afterwards. When frozen *halla* arrived here, giving me the chance to bake a fresh *halla* on Friday, I felt like a saint, but to make my own *halla* or

cocoa-filled yeast cake seemed beyond the pale.

Before seeing it, I couldn't imagine how a bread machine managed to replace all the human toil. But it does.

It includes a detachable metal bread pan with a non-stick surface (additional pans can be purchased) and a detachable metal kneading paddle that's inserted in the bottom, much like the whirling blades of a blender. There is a single electric coil surrounding the base that does the heating and baking; it uses no more than 600 watts of electricity during the peak kneading stage (which takes about an hour), only 80 watts during the baking stage (which takes about an hour), and no power when the dough rests (which is much of the time).

The various options – for dough, basic bread, whole-wheat bread and quick bread – are chosen by pressing the "select" button as many times as required to show up on the digital screen; it would have been better designed if the options were listed on the top of

the machine in separate rows, so the user needed to click only once.

SHIMRIT semi-active yeast, the most convenient form available here, is the best for use in a bread machine – much better than cubes of dry yeast. One may use white flour, whole-wheat flour, or cornbread flour; instead of butter, margarine is a realistic option and instead of the dried-milk powder required for some recipes, you can substitute *pareve* powdered "milk."

The loaf pan holds about 700 grams of bread, which is a bit less than a conventional loaf sold in the shops. The bread comes out in a rectangular shape, wider than store-bought bread. You can increase the amount of flour and other ingredients to make the loaf rise above the top, but make sure that the wet dough doesn't drip into the baking chamber around the bread pan. The liquid ingredients must always be placed into the bread pan first, followed by the dry ingredients that float on top. Scratch an indentation in the

dry ingredients to deposit the yeast so it doesn't reach the liquid before it's ready.

To make basic bread, you need 1.1 cups of lukewarm water, 3 cups of white flour, 3 tablespoons of sugar, 1.5 tablespoons of milk powder, 1.5 teaspoons of salt, 1.5 tablespoons of butter or margarine and 2 tablespoons of yeast. Press the selector button according to the type of bread (whole wheat takes a bit longer) and in three hours and 35 minutes you have a loaf of fresh bread. You can choose either a dark or light crust.

A plastic measuring cup and a tablespoon measure come with the machine. There is a timer that allows you to delay baking for up to 13 hours; put the ingredients in at night and there's fresh bread ready for your breakfast.

Once you've mastered basic bread, try carrot-orange, apple-sauce-cinnamon, multi-grain, oatmeal, milk, sour cream, pesto, cottage cheese, rye, apple oat, Italian wheat, *halla*, mocha java, bran, blue cheese and walnut, cranberry,

peanut, sunflower, nutty olive, pear, chocolate chip, honey or any other types of bread you fancy.

Since the bread cuts thickly into about six slices, the bread machine won't replace the need for bought bread if you have to make sandwiches for a lot of children – unless you make two or three loaves a day. The importer says the company in the Far East makes a larger version with a giant-sized bread pan, but since the price is NIS 2,500, it is impractical to import it here.

Any dough that shouldn't be baked in a loaf form can easily be prepared in the machine and removed unbaked. Then you just roll it out, shape it and bake it in your oven. I made an excellent chocolate-filled yeast cake this way; you can try the croissants, bagels and French baguettes. Another option enables you to make quick breads with baking powder instead of yeast: nut bread, Mexican corn bread, banana nut bread and honey nut spice bread are some of the possibilities. The machine also makes pre-

serves: For strawberry, merely put an equal amount of berries and sugar and press the "dough" selection. One can also make rice this way in 40 minutes, although it seems to me that cooking it on the stove would be just as good.

The importers enclose the original English-language booklet, but it is aimed at an American audience and doesn't take into account Israeli raw materials and tastes. The original Hebrew translation was very inadequate, poorly printed and confusing, but it has been replaced by a much better version that even advises how to cut the bread to get square, rectangular or triangular shapes.

Just don't go overboard and eat too much homemade bread. Perhaps the importer would consider offering a special deal and throw in an exercise bicycle for working off the excess calories.

The RoboChefNovac bread machine is sold for NIS 996 at The Jerusalem Post's book department and at other outlets.



A Tel Aviv firm is offering a simple system that allows people to design their own CD-ROM labels.

Israel tops in hardware, too



By Judy Siegel-Itzkovich

The Israeli computer industry is best known for its excellence in software, not hardware. But now *PC Magazine* Israel has credited an Israeli-made computer with a world record in performance.

Twenty Israeli companies, presenting 40 computers, took part in a competition run by the magazine and held as part of the recent Infotech '97 exhibition; it was the second time that these tests were carried out in Israel.

There were four categories: Pentium MMX workstations; Pentium II (Windows NT) workstations; 3-D workstations; and notebook computers. The computers were all required to run a series of standard testing programs developed by the Ziff-Davis Labs to test the speed of the various computer systems.

The Pentium II (300 MHz) and 3-D computers made by Newtron and Contact – manufactured here by the EIM company (which has an agreement with the Intel Corporation) – came out on top.

The editors of *PC Magazine* Israel criticized the tendency of Israeli organizations to prefer imported computers over "blue

and white" models.

"We are against giving denigrating labels to local manufacturers only because of unfair provincialism. We don't understand the awe in which some government decision-makers regard imported PCs," they wrote.

They added that "Intel-Isreal can develop the processors of the future, half-a-dozen development centers belonging to international communications companies were established here only in the last year, and Israeli internet innovations can drive Wall Street crazy. So when one deals with the relatively simple technology for building a PC, suddenly the doubts begin."

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ON THE BRINK IN 2000
A collapse of state computer systems is liable to occur in 2000 due to inadequate preparations by government agencies

for coping with the new digits, according to Knesset Science and Technology Committee chairman MK Dalia Itzik.

At a recent committee session devoted to the computer problem, "a picture of neglect in all services, including the most vital," was presented, Itzik said.

To save memory in the past, computers were programmed with only the last two digits of 20th-century dates, thus, in the 21st, centenarians are likely to be invited to get vaccinations in family health centers soon after their "birth" and young people entitled to financial benefits will be considered "unborn." There are also widespread implications for the military and financial sectors.

The committee members heard experts note that irreversible damage to the economy could be the result of the neglect. It could cause an "administrative, economic and security catastrophe," she said. "The government must intervene."

All speakers agreed that the problems cannot be solved fully by January 1, 2000, and that the government would first have to choose the most vital computer services to reprogram. Although it seems a simple problem, Itzik said that fixing it is complex and very expensive.

The Knesset committee will follow up the government's preparations for 2000 through a new subcommittee headed by MK Alex Lubotzky; legislation on the issue is not being ruled out.

Dr. Doolittle of the turtle world

By DONALD P. BAKER

The orange-and-white ambulance pulled out of the hospital driveway in Marathon, Florida, lights flashing, and streaked along busy Overseas Highway to a spot near the edge of the aquamarine waters of the Gulf of Mexico, where a small crowd had gathered.

Driver Richie Moretti and a volunteer helper scurried to the shoreline and enlisted the aid of gawking tourists to lift the injured, 120-kilo patient onto a stretcher and carry it back to the ambulance.

It was a typical run for the crew from the Turtle Hospital, whose "Rescue, Rehabilitation, Release" credo is emblazoned on the side of a van that serves as its emergency vehicle.

Moretti, an auto mechanic turned animal benefactor, is the founder and moving force behind the hospital, a one-of-a-kind medical center housed in a former bar in the Florida Keys.

The 53-year-old New Jersey native, who made a small fortune repairing Volkswagens in an Orlando shop that grew to 120 workers, cashed in at age 40, after being jolted with chest pains, and moved to the tranquil Keys, looking forward to a life of leisure.

"I came to kill fish and stayed to save animals," Moretti noted wryly. Although he has no special training in caring for turtles – his formal education ended after high school in Pompton Lakes, New Jersey – he employs techniques similar to those that made him successful in the auto repair business.

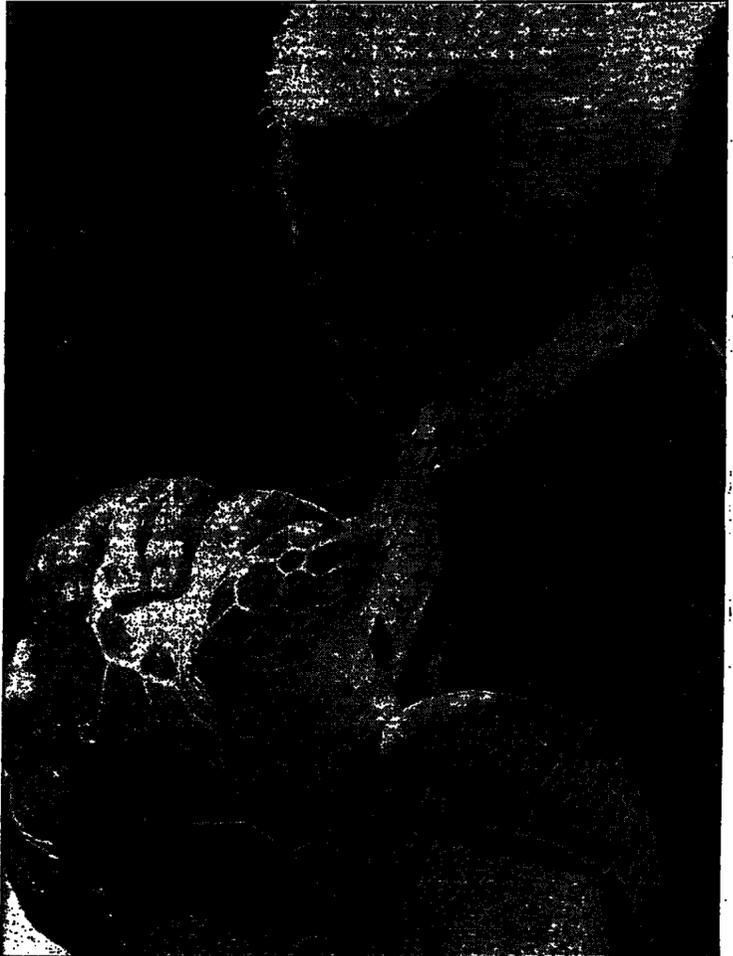
"The turtles come in broken, just like the cars did," he explained. "I used to hire the best mechanics; now I find the best vets, and instead of buying parts, we buy medicine."

Moretti's hands-on experience often causes his professionally trained friends to marvel at his inventiveness: When he found a small, rare turtle with a bowel obstruction, he fed it Metamucil and took it for bouncy rides in a golf cart until the problem passed.

The wiry, ponytailed Moretti and his hospital are known by turtle researchers around the world because "Richie just doesn't fix busted turtles and release them, but makes the hospital available for experimental work," said Larry Herbst, a veterinarian at New York's Albert Einstein School of Medicine.

Much of the research at the hospital these days has focused on a tumorous disease, fibropapillomas, that is threatening loggerhead and green sea turtles around the world.

Although no cause has been found, scientists say two suspects are man-made – global warming and pollution caused by agricultural and industrial wastewater. Tumors have been found on green



Turtles around the world are being threatened by a tumorous disease that scientists suspect is caused by global warming and pollution from agricultural and industrial wastewater. (UPI)

sea turtles as far away as Brazil, Indonesia and Australia. But other turtles have been affected, as well.

Last year, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection reported that 10 percent of live loggerhead turtles caught in Florida Bay had tumors.

The low-lying islands and reefs that make up the Florida Keys are an ideal location for gathering samples for the research because the carnivorous loggerheads thrive on fish in the Atlantic Ocean while the herbivorous greens devour the grasses in the Gulf of Mexico, two bodies of water separated here by only about 100 meters.

Moretti began to see the tumors

about 10 years ago. At first, the infected turtles had single tumors, but soon there were multiple ugly masses that covered the turtles' eyes, making it impossible for them to find food and dooming them to a slow, agonizing death.

On one day recently, tumors were removed from 18 of the giant reptiles at the Turtle Hospital. Moretti air-mailed the excised tumors to a lab at the University of Florida and then he began the yearlong process of nursing the turtles back to health.

"It takes about a year for a turtle to starve to death," Moretti said, adding that others turtles drowned from the weight of tumors on the back of their necks. The hospital's rehabilitation ward is a former swimming pool

filled with salt water from the Gulf.

Around the edge of the pool are a dozen smaller tanks, each occupied by one or two turtles either in the early stages of recovery or being raised as lab animals. Some of the turtles, which can live 100 years, will never leave the pool, because they are missing a fin or are otherwise vulnerable in the wild.

Others are returned to their natural habitat after a year under Moretti's care.

On those rare occasions, Moretti said, "I get the vet, the staff and anyone who helped in the rescue, and we go out, put the animal overboard and crack open a bottle of champagne."

(The Washington Post)

Silicon Valley's innovative head-hunting reaches the sky

By RAJIV CHANDRASEKARAN

Billboards scream "Work for Us," while employers make their pitches on almost every radio station and before the previews at movie theaters. Hawaiian vacations are given to employees who lure their friends away from competitors. California's Silicon Valley faces a shortage of technology workers, forcing fast-growing companies here to think up a surplus of creative ways to recruit them.

Now it appears that not even the sky is the limit.

At the annual football game between Stanford University and the University of California at

Berkeley earlier this month, three large technology companies copied a promotional strategy long used by local car dealers and plumbers: They hired biplanes to buzz the stadium toting banners advertising jobs. One of them, Bay Networks Inc., which makes computer networking devices, urged the more than 80,000 fans to "Score a Job" by visiting the company's Web site.

"Finding talent in the Valley is so tough that you've got to do something different to get noticed," said David House, Bay Networks' chief executive. Despite such stunts, Bay, like many other large technology firms in this area, still has "hun-

dreds of unfilled jobs," he said.

The tech-worker shortage is "a major national problem," said Harris Miller, president of the Information Technology Association of America. The shortage is also showing up in tech centers such as Austin, Seattle, Denver, Washington D.C. and Raleigh-Durham.

His group has assembled a task force with the US Commerce and Education departments to propose solutions.

The ITAA estimates there are at least 190,000 vacant jobs in the information technology industry. For Silicon Valley, projections of the shortage's severity vary, but several experts and

studies have pegged the figure at more than 50,000 jobs.

In the communities a few miles north and south of Palo Alto, the worker deficit has been affecting some of the industry's biggest names – including Intel Corp., Cisco Systems Inc., Netscape Communications Corp. and Oracle Corp. – as well as a generation of fledgling start-ups.

At Cisco, which makes the hardware that runs much of the Internet, there are 400 unfilled positions, said Barbara Beck, the company's vice president of human resources.

One of Cisco's recent recruitment tactics: targeting visitors to its Web site who are coming

from a competitor's computer system (monitoring equipment can make such a determination). "If we saw someone coming from one of our rivals, instead of showing them the page that said 'Welcome to Cisco' and listed our products, we routed them to another site that said, 'Welcome to Cisco, would you like a job?'"

Beck said. "If someone is aggressive enough to try to check up on their competitor, we figure we could use that person."

Cisco and other large companies have been recruiting heavily outside the area, using the Valley's comfortable climate and proximity to San Francisco as selling points. Outside competi-

tors frequently mention the area's high housing prices and seemingly perpetual traffic congestion.

Netscapes Inc. of San Francisco uses a tactic found at many smaller companies – giving stock to new employees, whose shares could be worth millions if the firm becomes publicly traded.

The tiny start-up, which has developed technology to reward Internet shoppers with frequent-flyer miles, pitches itself as a more exciting place to work than an established company.

Using options, the lure of stimulating work and at least 100,000 frequent-flyer miles as a signing

bonus, Netscapes' chief executive, West Shell III, has expanded his company from 15 people in July to 40 today, but he still has five vacancies for software engineers. Those unfilled jobs have forced the company to slow deployment of its software, he said.

And while Shell is trying to entice new employees, head-hunters are after the ones he already has. "I'm getting people coming into my office and saying, 'I just turned down a \$200,000 offer,'" he said. "That won't last for long. I know for a fact my people are going to get stolen soon."

(The Washington Post)

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Fighting for greater independence

Life has dealt Valerie Owen a difficult hand. The 26-year-old woman was born healthy in Beersheba, but at six, a genetic disease called progressive muscular dystrophy began to present its symptoms. She was condemned forever to sitting in a wheelchair and now is attached to a respirator every night when she sleeps.

But Valerie is a fighter. Moving at 17 to the Israel Association for Handicapped Children in Jerusalem's Gilo neighborhood, she finished high school and sought work. After insisting that she was qualified to become a telephone operator at Bezeq International's Narkiss Street branch — existing help from a disabled rights organization when company managers were reluctant — she was finally allowed to take a test and accepted for the job.

She met Simon Owen, a British male nurse who came to volunteer at the hostel, and after a while, they decided to get married. Now Valerie (who has two brothers disabled by the same condition), and Simon are moving into a Frazot public-housing apartment a few blocks away in the same neighborhood. But their difficulties are not over: Her job is not secure and the government's subsidy for disabled people living in the community is only half that of those living in institutions like the Gilo home.

Nissan Gali, a 39-year-old former Tel Avivian, was born with cerebral palsy, as was his wife, Rinat, who comes from Herzliya. Both seriously disabled and able to get around only in wheelchairs, they met at Ilan's sheltered workshop in the capital's German Colony and married four years ago. Nissan learned how to operate a computer and produces the Gilo home's printed materials, using advanced graphics programs in Hebrew and English. He is also a member of the elected residents' committee. Rinat embroiders quilts in the home's work room.

Valerie, Nissan and Rinat are not angry for being left out of the independent life we all take for granted. "I was born this way," Valerie says. "I was born with cerebral palsy, others have spina bifida, multiple sclerosis or other neuromuscular disorders and need help

There is a long waiting list for Ilan hostels and other facilities that provide support and activities for the disabled. On Tuesday, schoolchildren across the country will knock on doors to raise NIS 2.5 million for Ilan's March of Prutot campaign to expand its services, Judy Siegel-Itzkovich reports

have been different. "There are some angry people in the home, people who don't do much all day except eat, sleep and watch TV, but we're not among them."

Asher Harris, a social worker who was director of rehabilitation for the Jerusalem Municipality and helped plan the Ilan home, has been its director since it opened a decade ago. The building is attractive and well planned: six floors facing a magnificent view northward towards Malha and the center of town, arched picture windows, pretty niches, 68 beds in single and double rooms, a gym, synagogue, kiosk, library and dental clinic. The Gilo home, built by Ilan and maintained by the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, has an annual budget of NIS 7.5 million and tries to make residents feel at home. So far, the home — located at 30 Trvia and Yitzhak Street — is the largest of its kind. Ilan also maintains a 64-bed hostel for disabled adults in Netanya, a 25-bed facility in Jerusalem's San Simon quarter, and the Beit Tamar home for disabled children in Jerusalem. Named in honor of Tamar Kollek who has been very active in Ilan for decades, Beit Tamar is being forced to move from the shadow of the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza to a new site on Mt. Scopus because of road-building plans in the area. Ilan also hopes to build an 80-bed hostel in Kiryat Haim outside Haifa.

There are 150 seriously disabled adults around the country who are waiting for beds in Ilan facilities. While half suffer from cerebral palsy, others have spina bifida, multiple sclerosis or other neuromuscular disorders and need help

dressing, bathing, going to the toilet and in their daily routines. Some study outside, while the most independent have a job at a sheltered workshop or another place of work. Many families are

"Soldiers who were disabled get help from the state and road-accident victims receive compensation from insurance companies. But those disabled by illness have no such help"

in close contact with residents, and some of the rooms are impressively equipped with TV sets and stereos, which their families bought for them.

The staff are warm and caring, and they are assisted by volunteers from Germany and Denmark and religious teenagers doing their national service. There are trips around Jerusalem and out of town, swimming sessions in the Ilanot school, drama and tai chi classes, a newspaper, sessions with a psychologist and a social worker, parties to mark the holidays (for

Jewish and Arab residents) and a variety of other activities.

But it isn't like living in one's own home. Among the things that residents do to keep busy are making spiral notebooks decorated by the disabled, painting, weaving, sewing and working on a computer. Residents face three major problems: the lack of suitable employment and of public buses equipped to carry wheelchairs, and inadequate accessibility in public places for the wheelchair bound.

Ofir Shpitzer, another Gilo home resident, went through Ilan's Ofakim kindergarten in Haifa, Ilanot School and Alyn Hospital's rehabilitation wing before being accepted to the Ilan residence. "At the end of my studies, I started to ask myself what I would do afterwards. I had hoped to find work that would give me satisfaction. I joined the occupational department in the hostel. It's a solution — better than sitting and doing nothing — but I can't hide the fact that the work bores me. I've been trying to find other work outside that I would like, but so far I've failed."

The other problem is transportation. The hostel has specially equipped minibuses that take residents to work or study, but the vehicles aren't available for single trips any time of the day or night. "Getting out at other times requires hiring a special van for NIS 40 or so each way, or a Yad Sarah "Nechonit" for NIS 20 in one direction." Only one resident — who runs the in-house kiosk — is licensed to drive and has his own vehicle.

Social worker Harris notes that Egged and the Transport Ministry



Residents of the Ilan hostel in Jerusalem's Gilo neighborhood run the local kiosk. (Brian Hentler)

prepared plans for launching special routes for buses with lifts for wheelchairs that would pass through Gilo. But despite serious discussions, the plan has become bogged down, apparently because taking on disabled passengers slows down the bus.

The government has done little to ensure that disabled people can get decent jobs, even though there are tough laws in the US and Europe that allocate a certain percentage of positions for the handicapped.

Even if someone workplace will give a disabled person a job, actually getting there is difficult, as most places of work are usually not accessible in a wheelchair. Dov Elimelech, the hostel's social

coordinator, notes that on a visit to Germany, he noticed that the disabled there were aggressive in their efforts to obtain equal opportunities. "In some German institutions, the disabled see to it that even the psychologists and social workers who work there are disabled too," he says.

"Many of the disabled here are too passive. They should fight for their rights, as consumers do abroad, but it's difficult to teach such independence."

There is a washing machine and dryer on each floor of the home, and residents are required to get their dirty laundry together — even if they are unable to put the clothes in the machines themselves — to give them a feeling of indepen-

dence. Some families resent this, saying everything should be done for residents, but Harris insists that teaching initiative is a healthier approach.

"These people, who have been disabled by illness, often from birth, have the most difficult time," he explains. "Soldiers who were disabled in military service get a tremendous amount of help from the state, including personal helpers who care for them at home. Victims of road accidents receive financial compensation from insurance companies and can hire foreign workers to help them. But these disabled have no such assistance," Harris concludes. "That's why Ilan is determined to help them."

How to watch television properly



By Post Health Reporter

I always placed my TV set at eye level for viewing. I have now moved it to a lower position, i.e. looking down at the TV.

However, this is not comfortable, and I find it a strain on the eyes. What is the best position for looking at TV — up, down, or at eye level?

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Prof. Giora Treister, chairman of Sheba Hospital's Goldschleger Eye Institute, replies:

The best position for watching TV is straight ahead, at eye level or what we call the "primary position."

Moving one's eyes up and down or to the sides is less comfortable than moving the face and neck, and even this can cause muscle strain.

However, the angle of watching is less important than the distance between the TV set and the viewer.

It should be at least 2.5 to three meters away. It can be farther, but not closer.

The reason is that the eyes are strained less if you look at infinity — like the infinity range on your camera — instead of focusing for long periods on a closer object.

At infinity, your eyes don't have to carry out constant accommodation.

The amount of light in the room is also important to prevent eyestrain.

Having moderate light in the room will make the contrast better, but if it's completely dark, the eyes will become more sensitive to light and have to perform a partial dark adaptation; then the TV screen could temporarily blind the viewer. Having a soft light behind the TV is the best, while strong lights in front of the screen that reflect on it are the worst.

I have been instructed by my hairdresser never to use conditioner on my hair after shampooing (even after she has been used) because she says it thins the hair.

This advice seems to be contrary to what conditioners claim to do. Please advise. V.K., Kiryat Bialik.



Too low and too close: The best position for watching TV is straight ahead, at eye level, with the set at least 2.5 to three meters away. (Sarit Uziel)

Dr. Dov Stempler, a senior dermatologist at Assaf Harofeh Hospital, replies:

Your hairdresser is wrong. Conditioner is a fatty film that coats the hair, temporarily giving it more volume and gluing split ends together.

It doesn't make hair thinner, either in the sense of causing hair to fall out or making it narrower.

The effects lasts a day or two or until the next shampoo. Conditioner doesn't cure or harm anything; it has only a cosmetic effect.

I am a Jerusalemite and have recently developed an allergy to olive trees. If I move to another city, will I suffer less? P.A., Jerusalem.

Prof. Meir Shalit, director of the allergy unit in the clinical immunology department at Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem, comments:

If you're allergic to olive trees, it's better for you not to live near a grove of such trees.

But pollen has been shown to travel great distances due to the wind, so there is no guarantee that you will be completely relieved of the symptoms by moving.

Your best alternative is to go to an allergist for desensitization.

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Czechs inadvertently nip the bugs in the bud

By LAURIE BARRETT

PRAGUE — Unlike its neighbors in the former Soviet world, the Czech Republic not only performs the job of infection control well, it does it better than the US and virtually all Western European countries.

The Czech approach grew out of the 1968 reform movement known as the Prague Spring and flourished in surprising fashion under the subsequent Communist dictatorship. Only now, under capitalism, does it face strong challenges that threaten to dislodge the Eastern European nation from its enviable status.

Many antibiotics that have been rendered useless in the US and former Soviet Union because of widespread drug resistance still work as well in Prague and the rest of the Czech Republic as they did 20 years ago. And some of the most worrisome forms of antibiotic resistance, such as vancomycin-resistant enterococcus, have never emerged in Czech hospitals.

"We are on an island, you could say, in terms of resistance," says Dr. Anna Jedlickova. "Slovakia and Hungary — all our neighbors — are much worse off." Although the Czechs were governed by many of the same health policies that were law in the Soviet Union, the country's microbiologists and physicians historically strived for a more science-based understanding of medicine, though Jedlickova readily admits the effort came gingerly

at first. But they saw the efficacy of antibiotics — the post-World War II miracle drugs — waning across their nation, she added, and knew hospitals were key sites in the spread of new strains of bacteria.

"In 1968 we had a slogan," Jedlickova recalls. "It is better to be a monster under conditions of totalitarianism than to be angry at the situation and simply wait until it is better." The nation's microbiologists, caught up in the spirit of renewal that permeated Czechoslovak life in '68, broke with Soviet policies and set up their own system. They didn't know what the West was doing to control new bacteria infections, but they realized the Soviet model was a disaster.

"We tried to read science journals from the West during those years. But I regret that we were closed. We couldn't have interactions with our colleagues in the West — indeed, with the entire science world," Jedlickova said. "The borders of Czechoslovakia were my prison bars." Cut off from the West, the Czechs invented their own unique system, one that appears to have performed beautifully. By law, all uses of antibiotics had to be cleared by a central microbiology lab, such as the enormous one Jedlickova runs at the University Teaching Hospital in Prague.

Physicians were required to submit sputum, blood or infected tissue samples to the laboratory for analysis, where the precise nature of the infection was determined. If, for example, the lab diagnosed

streptococcus, the physician was told, "OK, it's strep. Here's a list of three antibiotics we want you to use." Meanwhile, the central laboratory in Prague periodically modified drug-use guidelines according to observed trends in bacterial mutations and resistance. The work is done predominantly by women: microbiology all over Eastern Europe and the ex-USSR has evolved as a women's science, probably reflecting the lower status it holds compared with other aspects of medicine.

Ironically, the entire system nearly toppled after the 1989 Velvet Revolution that overthrew the Czechoslovak Communist dictatorship. "Some doctors thought that antibiotic use policies were undemocratic," Jedlickova said. "They wanted to abolish the microbiology centers. But, fortunately, common sense won. Even the opponents to antibiotic centers started to understand that bacteria don't recognize democracy."

Now a new challenge faces Jedlickova and her fellow microbiologists: free-market medicine. The Czech government is easing its way out of nationalized medicine into a mixed economy of health care similar to the US system. This means private practices, managed care, health maintenance organizations and personal health insurance are all swiftly replacing five decades of Soviet-modeled socialized medicine. For the microbiologists, this means loss of control.

(Newsday)

Environment hits men where it hurts

Health Scan



By Post Health Reporter

Men aren't what they used to be ... at least when it comes to sperm counts. Male fertility is declining faster than anyone thought, according to researchers at the California Department of Health Services. "I think this study will change the debate about sperm decline from 'if' to 'why,'" said Shanna Swan, the department's chief of reproductive research who led the study.

The US National Academy of Sciences had asked Swan to write the definitive report on the issue,

which has been controversial since 1992, when researchers at Copenhagen University reported that sperm counts were falling around the world. Their announcement caused a flurry of debate, and studies published since have shown conflicting results.

In an interview Swan said that she had found a strong and significant decline in sperm counts in the US and Europe.

The US National Institutes of Health agreed, saying the analysis of data collected from 1938 to 1990 indicates that sperm densities in the US have shown an average annual decrease of 1.5 million sperm per milliliter of collected sample, or about 1.5 percent per year. Closer to home, sperm counts in European countries have declined at about twice that rate. Although Swan had expected to disprove the Danish theory, after careful analysis, she changed her mind.

She believes the cause is environmental factors, including organic pollutants like pesticides

and industrial chemicals like PCBs. All have been shown to have hormone-like behavior, and like estrogens can either bring out feminine characteristics or work to counteract male hormones. They are found in soil, oceans and food, and they persist in the environment for a very long time.

Swan said fertility was obviously not the big issue, as babies were still being born. "However, sperm count is a marker for testicular cancer, and if the reproductive system is affected, others will be also." A recent report by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) found a doubling in the numbers of cases of hypospadias, a birth defect in which the opening of the penis is not at the end of the organ. Swan said she would also like to study a similarly disturbing trend in girls — early puberty. She cited one study, published in the journal *Pediatrics*, that found 40 percent of black girls examined in 218 doctors' offices had breast development by age eight.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

Dow closes slightly up in seesaw session

Wall Street

Wall Street wrapped up a week of losses in indecisive trading Friday, as the impact of Asian economic troubles overshadowed positive inflation news.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average rose 10.69 points to close at 7,838.30. Trading saw-sawed throughout the day, with the index of blue chip stocks rising as much as 55 points and falling as much as 64 points before closing more than 310 points short of last Friday's close.

Reports continued to emerge of companies facing trouble selling in Asia, leading investors to continue the week-long selloff of technology issues amid fears the Asian flu is spreading.

Many investors fled stocks that have taken a battering over the week in favor of bonds, driving the yield on the 30-year bond to its lowest level since October '93.

Non-technology stocks got an early lift after the Labor Department's report on prices paid to producers, which declined in November for the eighth month this year.

Prices paid by wholesalers and others for finished goods fell a seasonally adjusted 0.2 percent.

Traders took it as news that the Federal Reserve would be less likely to combat inflation by raising interest rates.

While good news for buyers, such deflation also raises economic worries. The inability of producers to increase prices - especially when they're being forced to pay higher wages because of the lowest unemployment rate in 24 years - raises the prospect of a profit squeeze ahead.

At the same time, US companies are faced with increased competition from Asian manufacturers.

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Nikkei 15904.3 ▼ 0.91%

whose products have been made cheaper by sharp currency devaluations.

Advancing issues outnumbered advanced by a narrow margin on the New York Stock Exchange, with 1,479 up, 1,440 down and 526 unchanged.

Europe

European bourses rebounded from the previous day's steep losses to stage a mild rally on Friday, ignoring the turmoil in Asian financial markets.

London, Frankfurt and Paris stocks all ended in the plus column after a volatile week and losses of between two and three percent on Thursday. Wall Street opened up 0.5 percent after dropping for four days running, though most of the gains ebbed away later.

Investors on both sides of the Atlantic were encouraged by the latest US producer price figures which showed an unexpected drop in November, staving off prospects of higher interest rates.

German Finance Minister Theo Waigel said on Friday he would hold talks next week with top US officials about the Asian market crisis, and that the topic was also on the agenda of the Group of Seven.

Many overseas investors

appeared to take the view that recent falls made for bargain-hunting opportunities.

Frankfurt, for instance, ended floor trade up 1.3%. Many dealers said Thursday's two percent sell-off, dragging the index close to the key 4000 point level, was overdone.

Dealers said despite more losses in some Asian markets, the damage there had not been as bad as feared.

In London, Europe's biggest bourse, stocks held some of the day's gains to end up 0.2% as investors sought to look at the more positive signals amid the cloudy Asian picture.

"Stability in Hong Kong and the Nikkei not so bad as it has been, is helping markets hold sensible levels. People are putting their cash to work," said one dealer.

Paris, which plunged 3.5% percent Friday was the weakest performer. French stocks rebounded strongly in the morning but the rally ran out of steam and shares ended barely in the plus column.

Asia

Asian stock markets continued to be battered by fallout from the financial crisis in South Korea, but contrarians enjoyed pointing out rises in Hong Kong and Taiwan.

Korea's economic woes tended to dominate sentiment throughout Asia. But some markets had domestic travails of their own, and this included Jakarta, where news that President Suharto had cancelled a trip to Malaysia next week prompted a currency and stock market rout.

Investors there were perturbed by further warnings from US companies that Asia's problems were having a direct impact on their bottom lines.

(Reuters)

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Dollar rises vs. yen, mark

NEW YORK (Reuters) - The dollar rose broadly against European currencies and the yen Friday as investors remained skeptical about Japan's economic stimulus plan and a German official said weak Asian markets would affect Europe.

The dollar managed to reverse nearly all of Thursday's losses against the German mark and the Swiss franc as currency dealers began rethinking the impact weak Asian markets might have on Europe.

European nations' and companies' exposure to Asia's financial problems had been considered to be less than that of the US.

"There is no strong demand for marks apart from buying them as a safe haven, and that is waning," said Mike Malpede, senior currency analyst at Refco Group Ltd., explaining why demand for marks ebbed on news that German Finance Minister Theo Waigel would visit Washington next week to discuss Asia.

At the same time, comments from Reimut Jochimsen, a member of Germany's policy-setting central bank council, helped fuel dollar buying.

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Curry jumper gores Bulls

CHARLOTTE, NC (Reuters) - Dell Curry sank a jumper with six seconds remaining and the Charlotte Hornets held off the Chicago Bulls in a furious finish for a 79-77 victory Friday, their third consecutive win.

On Chicago's last possession, Toni Kukoc shot a three-pointer for the win, but his shot bounced off the back of the rim. He momentarily grabbed the carom, but then lost possession as the buzzer sounded.

Glen Rice had 21 points and seven rebounds, Vladi Divac 10 points and Anthony Mason seven boards, six assists and three steals for the Hornets, who snapped a four-game losing streak against the Bulls.

"We had 14 steals, eight blocks and 32 assists against a championship team tonight. We also held them to below 40 percent (39 percent) shooting," said Charlotte coach Dave Cowens.

Indiana 104, Miami 89. In Indiana, Rik Smits scored a season-high 29 points and Reggie Miller added 28 to lead the Pacers to a 104-89 victory over the Miami Heat, who had their season-high four-game winning streak stopped.

Antonio Davis tallied 14 points, Dale Davis grabbed 14 rebounds and Mark Jackson handed out a season-high 14 assists for the Pacers, who have won seven of their last nine games.

Indiana shot 52 percent (38-for-73) from the field, including 5-for-9 from three-point range.

Tim Hardaway had 28 points and 10 assists and Jamal Mashburn added 18 points for the Heat. Center Alonzo Mourning, who has not played this season because of a knee injury, is traveling with the team and may return Saturday at Milwaukee.

LA Lakers 119, Houston 102. At Los Angeles, Rick Fox

scored a season-high 30 points and Kobe Bryant added a career-high 27 as the Lakers snapped the Houston Rockets' nine-game winning streak, 119-102.

Clyde Drexler led the Rockets with 21 points and Charles Barkley chipped in 18 and 14 rebounds.

Neither team had its star center, Houston missing Hakeem Olajuwon and the Lakers, Shaquille O'Neal.

Boston 97, Washington 88. In Boston, Antoine Walker came up three assists shy of his first-career triple-double with 23 points and 12 rebounds as the Celtics held the Washington Wizards to just 10 fourth-quarter points, rallying for a 97-88 victory.

Seattle 111, Portland 98. In Seattle, Gary Payton and Hersey Hawkins each scored 21 points as the SuperSonics extended their home winning streak to nine games, 111-98 over the Portland Trail Blazers.

Utah 68, Dallas 66. At Utah, Karl Malone scored 23 points as the Jazz beat the Dallas Mavericks for the 21st consecutive time at home despite the lowest output in franchise history, 68-66.

Dallas, which is 0-16 all-time at the Delta Center, last won in Utah in 1989 at the Salt Palace.

Utah's previous loss was a 72-point effort against Houston last year.

Atlanta 83, LA Clippers 74. In Los Angeles, Steve Smith scored 22 points as the Atlanta Hawks snapped a three-game losing streak with an 83-74 victory over the Clippers, who matched their lowest output of the season.

Christian Laettner scored 21 points and Tyrone Corbin scored 30 points to lead a balanced attack as the Grizzlies defeated the Golden State Warriors at home for the first time, 95-88.

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Sabres beat Carolina as OT clock runs out

BUFFALO (Reuters) - There may be some monkeys running around loose in Buffalo.

Matthew Barnaby scored his first goal in nine months with 14.8 seconds left in overtime as the Buffalo Sabres got their third straight home win, 3-2 over the Carolina Hurricanes Friday.

"The monkey crawled off my back ... out of the arena," Barnaby said.

"There was a whole herd of monkeys leaving the building right there," joked Sabres coach Lindy Ruff.

The Sabres were jeered by the Marine Midland Arena crowd for most of the third period, trailing 2-1 and getting off just one shot to Carolina's 17 in the first 17:46 of the frame. Miroslav Satan turned the boos to cheers by scoring the tying goal with 1:38 to play.

With the clock running down in overtime, Richard Smelikh cleared the puck to Barnaby at the red line. He fired a blast from the top of the right faceoff circle past Burke into the top left corner of the net for his first goal since March 28 and his first career overtime tally.

Anaheim 6, Washington 4. In Anaheim, Paul Kariya had a spectacular season debut with two goals and two assists and Temu Selanne scored twice, including the game-winner with 43 seconds left, as the Mighty Ducks rallied for a 6-4 win over the Washington Capitals.

The 23-year-old Kariya, a two-time All-Star, missed the first 32 games due to a contract dispute.

Kariya, who also tied a club record with seven shots in the second period, provided a spark to the Mighty Ducks, who were shut out in five of their previous 12 games.

Dmitri Mironov tied an Anaheim club record with four assists as the Ducks overcame a 3-0 deficit to break a five-game winless streak.

Florida 4, NY Rangers 3. In New York, Radek Dvorak set

a team record with a pair of short-handed goals in the first period and John Vanbiesbrouck made 28 saves against his former club as the Florida Panthers held on for a 4-3 victory over the struggling Rangers.

David Nemirovsky and ex-Ranger Terry Carkner also scored and Chris Wells had two assists for the Rangers. Pat LaFontaine assisted on all three goals for New York, 1-6-4 in its last 11 games.

Calgary 3, Colorado 1. In Calgary, Rick Tabaracci stopped 33 shots and Theo Fleury set up a pair of third-period goals as the Flames beat the Colorado Avalanche 3-1 for their third straight victory.

Philadelphia 3, Chicago 2. In Chicago, Chris Gratton and Colin Forbes scored 13 seconds apart in the third period and the Philadelphia Flyers held on for a 3-2 victory over the Blackhawks, 0-2-2 on their five-game homestand.

San Jose 1, Dallas 0. In Dallas, Kelly Hrudey stopped 24 shots in his 17th career shutout as the San Jose Sharks blanked the Stars 1-0, snapping their seven-game home winning streak.

Edmonton 3, Detroit 2. In Detroit, Dan McGillis's goal with 4:02 to go broke a third-period tie and Bob Essensa stopped 34 shots against his former team as the Edmonton Oilers edged the Red Wings 3-2 for their first victory in the Motor City in four years.

New Jersey 2, Philadelphia 2. In New Jersey, Steve Thomas scored for the first time in nearly two months to cap a three-goal first period and Martin Brodeur made 29 saves as the Devils extended their unbeaten streak against the Flyers to 8:38 remaining and Tom Barntoss stopped Keith Tkachuk's point-blank chance in overtime as the red-hot Pittsburgh Penguins rallied for a 2-2 tie with the Coyotes, winless in their last six games.

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FA slaps suspended bans on Grobbelaar and Segers

LONDON (Reuters) - Goalkeepers Bruce Grobbelaar and Hans Segers on Friday received six-month bans from soccer and £10,000 (\$16,500) fines for misconduct, but both penalties were suspended for two years.

The two admitted misconduct at a five-hour hearing on Thursday after being charged with breaking English Football Association (FA) rules on betting.

The charges followed evidence in a court case which ended in August with both players, plus former striker John Fashanu and Malaysian businessman Heng Suan Lim, acquitted on charges of trying to fix premier league matches.

Grobbelaar, 40, said he had forecast the results of matches in which his teams were not involved for a foreign businessman for use in Asia. He did not bet himself.

Former Wimbledon goalkeeper Segers, 36, had admitted giving advice on matches being played in the Netherlands without realizing this was in breach of the regulations.

The FA disciplinary commission's decision meant both men were clear to resume their careers immediately and removed the threat of a possible lengthy ban from the sport.

Former Liverpool and Zimbabwe goalkeeper Grobbelaar, currently without a club, said that he was happy with the verdict while adding that he

intended to continue legal action to clear his name completely.

"I shall be continuing with my libel action against one tabloid to clear my name once and for all of these matters," he told reporters on the steps of the FA headquarters.

His lawyer David Hewitt told reporters that the FA decision "clearly shows a considerable amount of compassion and understanding" towards the two players.

FA spokesman Steve Double told reporters that "the commission was in no doubt the misconduct was serious" although neither man had "fully appreciated" the FA's rules regarding players who assist in betting.

He said both would normally receive a six-month ban from all forms of football and a £10,000 fine.

"However it was noted the men had already suffered heavily in both financial and personal terms," said Double.

"The commission considered it would be unfair to impose a penalty which would take Mr Grobbelaar and Mr Segers out of the game again," he said.

"Therefore both penalties will be suspended for two years from today, only to be imposed if either commits a similar offence within that time." Each player was also ordered to pay £4,000 towards the costs of the hearing.

Brown strikes as England win again

SHARJAH (Reuters) - Paceman Dougie Brown dispatched Brian Lara for a second-ball duck and Graham Thorpe hit a timely 57 as England beat West Indies by four wickets in the Champions' Trophy yesterday.

England squeezed home at 198 for six off 45.5 of their 50 overs after restricting West Indies to 197 for seven. Carl Hooper holding their innings together by stroking exactly 100 not out.

With England keeping their nerve at the end of a tense match to secure their second victory in the four-team tournament, they are the new favorites to lift the Trophy.

England made the important breakthrough in the first over.

Brown, the brawny Scot making his England debut in this competition, got his opening delivery through the gap between Philo Wallace's bat and pad, and two balls later trapped Lara plumb lbw.

As Lara trudged off, with West Indies nought for two wickets, it looked to the jubilant England fielders as if the match was already won.

However, Hooper was at his coolest as he carved out a century completed when he trotted for a single off the last ball of the innings.

On Friday, West Indies beat Pakistan by 43 runs.

Ketola, Godwin to meet in final of Eilat Challenger

By HEATHER CHART

Today's final of the \$50,000 Club Hotel Eilat Challenger tennis tournament will be an all-foreign event after the last Israeli player, Noam Behr, lost his semi-final match yesterday.

Finland's Thomas Ketola and Neville Godwin from South Africa will be out to gain the \$7,200 title, as well as the bonus prize of a holiday suite at the hotel worth over \$17,000.

This will be the first encounter between Ketola, ranked 184 in the ATP Tour rankings, and Godwin, (225), who reached the fourth round at Wimbledon last year.

In unusually chilly conditions for Eilat, Ketola beat Behr 4-6, 6-3, 6-2 in just under two hours. Behr's game was the more attractive and daring of the two, but also more erratic and fraught with unforced errors. Ketola stayed at the baseline, presenting a steady pose against both Behr's inconsistency and the partisan crowd.

Top seed Dominik Hrbaty of Slovakia went down in the second semi-final, 5-7, 6-1, 1-6, after appearing to be on his way to wrapping up the match.

Play began at an even pace, with each player holding serve until the eleventh game, when Godwin broke Hrbaty's serve and then served out for the first set.

Hrbaty cruised through the second set, and in the fourth game of the final set, a strained tendon in his right hand severely hampered his performance, allowing Godwin to seize the advantage.

Godwin will be remembered as the player against whom Boris Becker broke his arm while receiving serve at Wimbledon in 1996.

In Friday's quarter-finals, Behr outlasted Amir Hadad 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, in the all-Israeli match while Eyal Erlich and Eyal Ran both lost their matches, Erlich to Hrbaty 5-7, 0-6, and Ran to Godwin 5-7, 0-6.

Ketola beat second seed Dines Pescarari of Romania 6-2, 6-1.

Today's final begins at 16:30 and will be shown live on cable Channel 5.

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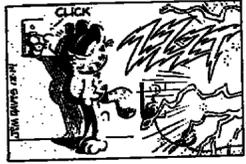
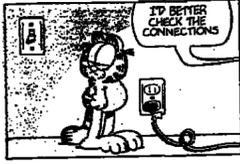
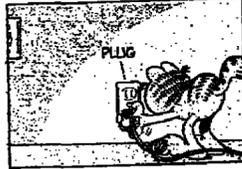
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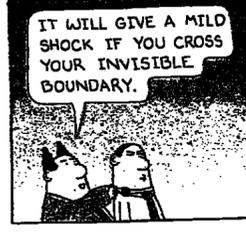
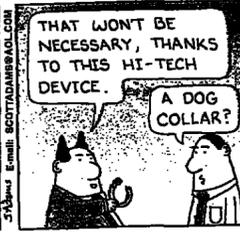
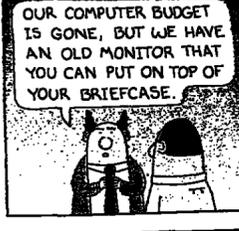
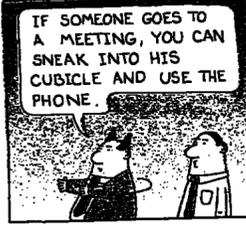
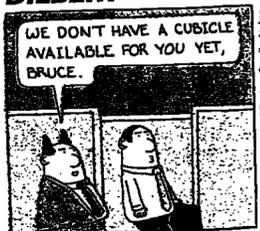
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'I can,' says Nike

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — "Just Do It" just isn't doing it for Nike anymore. On New Year's Day, the world's largest athletic shoe manufacturer will introduce a new slogan: "I Can." Even though "Just Do It" isn't being abandoned entirely, the change is seen as a big gamble for a company whose advertising consistently ranks among the most popular and effective in the nation.

But Nike's sales momentum has waned. Fashion trends have moved away from athletic shoes to a more traditional casual look.

And professional sports — to which Nike is inextricably linked — has been shaken this year by a series of criminal assaults, gambling scandals and cases of substance abuse.

The negativism has included persistent criticism of the company's use of cheap Third World labor to make Nike products.

New Year's eve race to draw thousands

SAO PAULO (AP) — Some 10,000 athletes from around the world will take to the streets of South America's biggest city on New Year's eve to compete in the traditional year-end St. Silvester road race.

At least 10,000 athletes — about 8,000 men and 2,000 women — from 15 countries will run in the 15-kilometer (9.3 mile) race today along wide, skyscraper-lined avenues and through the narrow, twisting streets of downtown Sao Paulo.

Competing for a top prize of \$10,000, they will replace the cars, trucks and buses that normally clog and pollute this city of 10 million.

This year's field includes about 300 foreign athletes including the Kenyan athlete Paul Tergat, world record holder for the 10,000 meters.

East beats West in Eurostars contest

By ORI LEWIS

The East team beat the West 129-107 in a blaze of color and fanfare at the FIBA Eurostars basketball extravaganza in Tel Aviv yesterday. The event, which FIBA, international basketball's governing body, inaugurated last year and has modeled on the NBA All-Star game, is intended to highlight the European game.

Although there was no Michael Jordan or Shaquille O'Neal at Yad Eliahu, the atmosphere was no less electric, as the cream of European basketball wowed the Tel Aviv fans. In an evening typical of some of the great encounters

seen at Yad Eliahu in previous years, the crowd, with their basketball savvy in evidence, showed their appreciation to all the players.

The event opened with a dancing display by some 350 youngsters, followed by a brief pyrotechnics display and the introduction of both teams. While in the past, the Yad Eliahu cheers have been reserved only for the players of Maccabi Tel Aviv, last night the 10,000 spectators were generous in their applause to both sides. Apart from the show and promotional element, the game was of minor significance.

Maccabi Tel Aviv had three rep-

resentatives on the East squad: Rashard Griffith, Oded Katash and Nadav Henefeld.

The two teams kept level until 3:30 in the first quarter when East coach Dusan Ivkovic replaced Dino Radja and Arturas Karnishovas with Henefeld and Griffith, at which point the East pulled away to a 41-36 first-quarter lead. By the half, the lead had grown to 73-53, with Karnishovas leading the way with 17 points. For the West, three players led the half-way stage with eight points: Predrag Danilovic, Aleksandar Djorjevic and Wendell Alexis.

The game became a more sub-

dued affair in the second half. By the third quarter, the East had a 100-86 lead and in the final period, it was clear that the West could not catch up, despite some very accurate shooting from Djorjevic.

Arturas Karnishovas was named the game's MVP, and Djorjevic won the three-point shooting competition at halftime, ahead of Guy Goodes, the Maccabi player who is currently with Caserta of the Italian second division.

High scorers for the West: Aleksandar Djorjevic 23, Vladimir Stepania 18, Predrag Danilovic 13. East: Arturas Karnishovas 19, Predrag

Drobnjak 18, Byron Scott 18. East: 4-Byron Scott (guard, Panathinaikos), 5-Sergei Bazarevic (guard, T.T. Ankara), 6-Damir Mulaomerovic (guard, Cibona Zagreb), 7-Petar Naumoski (guard, Efes Pilsen), 8-Rashard Griffith (center, Maccabi Tel Aviv), 9-Nicos Economou (forward, Panathinaikos), 10-Oded Katash (guard, Maccabi Tel Aviv), 11-Gintaras Einikis (center, Antodor Saratov), 12-Nadav Henefeld (forward, Maccabi Tel Aviv), 13-Arturas Karnishovas (forward, Olympiakos), 14-Dino Radja (center, Panathinaikos), 15-Predrag Drobnjak (center, Partizan Belgrade). Coach: Dusan Ivkovic

(Olympiakos Piraeus). West: 5-Predrag Danilovic (forward, Kinder Bologna), 6-David Rivers (guard, Teambystem Bologna), 7-Gregor Fucika (forward, Teambystem), 8-Zeljico Rebraca (center, Benetton Treviso), 9-Zoran Savic (center, Kinder Bologna), 10-Aleksandar Djorjevic (guard, Barcelona), 11-Vladimir Stepania (center, Union Olympija), 12-Wendell Alexis (forward, Alba Berlin), 13-Alberto Herreros (forward, Real Madrid), 14-Antoine Rigau (guard, Kinder Bologna), 15-Vassilij Karssev (guard, Alba Berlin). Coach: Entore Messina (Kinder Bologna).

Woods, Hingis voted as top athletes of 1997

NEW YORK (AP) — Tiger Woods has a smile that won the hearts of even non-golf fans and a game that matched outlandish hype.

With that combination, he pushed his sport to unprecedented popularity in 1997 and became one of the most talked about personalities in the world.

Woods, whose success on the course — where he won five times and set the PGA Tour single-season money record — matched his social and economic impact off it, yesterday became the first golfer voted Male Athlete of the Year by The AP in 26 years.

The athletes were chosen by a panel of US print and broadcast reporters.

The award came as a birthday present for Woods, who turned 22 yesterday.

"I thought I had a good year, but I never expected this," said Woods, whose record-shattering victory in the Masters last April was also voted sports Story of the Year by the AP.

Woods was the first golfer to be honored as Male Athlete of the Year by the AP since Lee Trevino in 1971 and is only the fifth golfer to receive the award since it was instituted in 1931.

He joins Gene Sarazen (1932), Byron Nelson (1944-45), Ben Hogan (1953) and Trevino in receiving the award. It is an honor never won by Jack Nicklaus or Arnold Palmer.

Woods finished with 231 points in the voting to easily outdistance the NFL's Detroit Lions running back Barry Sanders, who had 100 points, and boxer Evander Holyfield, third with 98 points.

Sanders joined Eric Dickerson and O.J. Simpson this year as the only NFL players to rush for more than 2,000 yards in a season.

Holyfield lost a piece of his ear, but retained the WBA heavyweight title in June when Mike Tyson was disqualified for biting him twice.

Rounding out the top-five vote getters were the NBA's Michael Jordan and the NFL's Brett Favre. Baseballer Ken Griffey Jr. was sixth, followed by auto racer Jeff Gordon, baseballer Roger Clemens and Mark McGwire and ice hockey star Mario Lemieux.

Woods likely won the award as



much for his persona as for his performance. His enthusiasm, flair for the dramatic, aggressive style of play and ethnic mix in an overwhelmingly white game made him an almost unbelievable marketing package.

And he was the equal of the hype. Woods won the opening tournament of the year in dramatic fashion when he nearly made a hole-in-one on the first playoff hole at the Mercedes Championships in January.

He then took the Asian Honda Classic the next month in Thailand, his mother Tida's home-

land, where his arrival received five TV coverage usually reserved for heads of state.

His victory at the Masters in April was by a record-shattering 12 strokes and took on added social significance that put golf on the front pages because Woods not only became the first non-white to win a major golf championship but also did it at Augusta National Golf Club, a virtual symbol of racial separation in the sport.

Woods' father is black and his mother is from Thailand.

Martina Hingis

That Martina Hingis won The

AP's Female Athlete of the Year award shouldn't come as a surprise.

After all, she captured just about everything else in 1997.

"1997 was a dream come true for me," the 17-year-old tennis diva said from her home in Switzerland. "I still sometimes can't even believe it."

She won the Australian Open in January, then followed up with victories at Wimbledon and the US Open, three of the four tournaments that make up the Grand Slam. In the fourth one, the French Open in June, she suffered her first

loss of the year when she was upset in the final by Iva Majoli of Croatia.

The Paris defeat came after she underwent knee surgery after she fell from a horse for the second time in the year. An earlier fall in Australia didn't hamper her march to the year's first Grand Slam tournament crown.

Hingis was chosen with 92 first-place votes and a total of 363 points. Golfer Annika Sorenstam finished second with 20 first-place votes and 178 points.

Soccer player Mia Hamm was third with nine first-place votes

and 95 points, and basketball star Chamique Holdstock received 8 first-place votes and 69 points. Basketball player Cynthia Cooper was fifth with 67 points.

Rounding out the top 10 were figure skater Tara Lipinski (66 points), track and field star Marion Jones (35), boxer Christy Martin (34), tennis player Venus Williams (25) and figure skater Michelle Kwan (22).

Trained to be a champion from birth, Hingis was named after tennis star Martina Navratilova. And in 1995, Hingis had the kind of year Navratilova had in 1983, winning the Australian, Wimbledon and the US Open, stumbling only in the fourth round at the French Open. Hingis finished this year with a 75-5 record, won 12 titles and earned \$3.4m exclusive of endorsements.

Vivacious and nearly always smiling, on and off the court, Hingis showed both a free spirit and a fiery tenacious will to win. When she wasn't riding horses, she would be rollerblading through a park alongside her mother and coach, Melanie Molitor, both of them unconcerned about potential injury. When Hingis hurt her knee before the French Open, she proudly spoke of going through the surgery, saying that now she could really say that she's an athlete.

No doubt Hingis benefited from the absence of injured Steffi Graf most of the year, and the inability of former No. 1 Monica Seles to regain her form and confidence after a series of injuries. But whenever that fortuitous absence of top competition was pointed out to her, Hingis confidently responded that she was on the rise and their time was passing anyway.

Indeed, Hingis became the underdog winner of the Australian, the youngest at Wimbledon in 110 years and the second-youngest winner of the US Open after Tracy Austin in 1979.

Hingis, who grew an inch and put on 15 pounds during the year to reach 5-foot-7 (170 cms), 130 pounds (59 kg), said her two most significant matches came in the French semifinals against Seles and the US Open final against Williams.

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Former soccer great Finney knighted by Queen Elizabeth

LONDON (AP) — Former England winger Tom Finney is to be knighted and fiery Welsh striker Mark Hughes gets the MBE in the New Year's Honors List, announced yesterday by Queen Elizabeth II.

Often outspoken racehorse trainer Jenny Pitman, the only woman to have trained a Grand National winner, and Martin Johnson, the lock forward who led the British Lions to a series victory in South Africa in the summer, both will receive the OBE.

Tessa Sanderson, the 1984 Olympic javelin champion who appeared in her sixth games in Atlanta last year having first competed in Moscow in 1980, receives the more prestigious OBE to go with the MBE she received in 1985.

Jack Rowell, who stepped down as England's rugby union coach after leading the team to a Five Nations Championship Grand Slam, three Triple Crowns and a World Cup semifinal, gets the OBE while Scottish international goalkeeper Jim Leighton, set to play in next year's World Cup just short of his 40th birthday, receives the MBE.

Finney, now in his mid-70s, stayed loyal to his team, Preston North End, during an illustrious 13-year career which ended in 1959 after scoring 187 goals in 431 League games and 30 goals for England in 76 internationals.

Hughes, who made his name with Manchester United and also played in Spain for Barcelona, won four FA Cup winners medals, the latest with his current club, Chelsea, last season.

The OBE also goes to Squadron Leader Andy Green, who drove the Thrust supersonic car to a world land-speed record 763.035 mph (1,227.9 kph) or Mach 1.02 in Nevada's Black Rock Desert in October, .02 faster than the speed of sound.

Peter Goss, a racing sailor who turned back in heavy seas during a round-the-world yacht race to rescue fellow competitor Raphael Dinelli of France, also receives the OBE.

Although knighted for his music, Elton John is also owner of Watford soccer club of the second division.

Weah under the knife

MILAN (Reuters) — Former world soccer player of the year George Weah had successful surgery in Milan yesterday for a herniated disc.

The AC Milan striker is expected to be out of action for about two months after the operation for the injury between the fourth and fifth vertebrae of his back.

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